

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY SIKKIM

(An Institute of National Importance, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)

Minutes of the 34th Meeting of the Senate

The 34th Meeting of the Senate was held on 15th November, 2025 at 10:45 AM under the Chairmanship of Prof. Mahesh Chandra Govil, Chairman Senate in the conference room of the Institute through hybrid mode. The following members were present in the meeting:

Sl.No	Name	Designation
1.	Prof. Mahesh Chandra Govil	Director ,Chairman Senate
2.	Prof. Lalit Kumar Awasthi Vice Chancellor, Sardar Patel University,	Member
3.	Prof. Adrijit Goswami Professor, IIT Kharagpur	Member
4.	Prof. Virendra Singh Professor, IIT Bombay	Member
5.	Prof. Sandeep Choudhari Professor, IIT Roourkee	Member
6.	Prof. Nupur Tandon Professor, MNIT Jaipur	Member
7.	Dr. Ravi Srivastava, Registrar	Member Secretary
8.	Dr. Ranjan Basak, Dean Student Welfare	Member
9.	Dr. Aurbinda Panda, Dean Academic	Member
10.	Dr Taraknath Kundu, Dean R&C	Member
11.	Dr Sourav Mallick, Dean P&D	Member
12.	Dr. Jai Gopal Gupta, HoD, ME	Member
13.	Dr. Dhananjay Tripathi HoD, HSS	Member
14.	Dr Md Sarfaraj Alam Ansari, HoD, CSE	Member
15.	Dr. N C Patel, HoD, EEE	Member
16.	Dr. Anindya Biswas, HoD, Physics	Member
17.	Dr. Sumit Saha, HoD Chemistry	Member
18.	Dr Om Prakash, HoD Mathematics	Member
19.	Dr. Ankit Bhardwaj, HoD,CE	Member
20.	Dr Abishek Rajan, Associate Dean Academic (UG)	Coordinating Member
21.	Dr. Jitendra Singh, Associate Dean Academic (PG)	Coordinating Member

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At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the members in the meeting. The following agenda items were placed for discussion and accordingly, decisions were taken as under;

Item No.34.01: To confirm the Minutes of the 33rd Meeting of the Senate held on 25th July, 2025.

The minutes were circulated amongst the members, no comments were received. The minutes of the 33rd Senate were unanimously confirmed.

Item No.34.02: Academic Report & Action Taken Report.

The Senate noted the academic reports and the action taken by the Institute. The actions taken by the Institute were appreciated by the members.

Item No.34.03: To consider and approve the list of candidates to be conferred with the Ph.D. Degrees of the Institute in the 8th Convocation scheduled on 15th December 2025 (Monday).

The Senate approved the same.

Item No.34.04: To consider and approve the names of the medal and degree recipients of B.Tech., M.Tech. and M.Sc. to be awarded in the 8th Convocation scheduled on 15th December 2025 (Monday).

The Senate approved the proposed list of medal and degree recipients. The Senate also noted that the student who secured the highest CGPA in the B.Tech. in Mechanical Engineering Department was involved in an indisciplinary activity. Therefore, it was resolved that the student with the second-highest CGPA shall be conferred with the Department Gold Medal in the Mechanical Engineering Department.

Item No.34.05: To consider and approve the award of Honorary Degree in the 8th Convocation of the Institute scheduled on 15th December, 2025.

The Senate approved, Shri Sajan Kumar Bansal to be honored with the Doctor of Letters (Honoris Causa) during the 8th Convocation of the Institute.

Item No.34.06: To consider and approve the conferment of Departmental Gold Medal to the students of PG programs with a minimum student strength of five (5).

As per Clause No. 16.1 (ii) of the PG Rules and Regulations, the minimum requirement for conferment of the Departmental Gold Medal in any program is ten (10) students. However, based on the admission trends over the past few years, it has been observed that the student strength in several M.Tech. and M.Sc. programs remains below this threshold.

To ensure that meritorious students from such programs are duly recognized and encouraged towards academic excellence, it was proposed to revise the minimum student strength requirement for the Departmental Gold Medal from ten (10) to five (5).

The Senate after deliberation, approved the same.

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Item No.34.07: To consider and approve the cancellation of enrolment of students from the Institute.

The Senate approved the cancellation of enrolment of the following students from the Institute:

Roll. No.	Name	Program
PHCH230029	Arpan Bera	Ph.D.
B230131ME	Palchen Lepcha	B.Tech.
B250070EC	Avhijan Paul Choudhary	B.Tech.
B250097EE	Anujoy Barman	B.Tech.
B250110EE	Prasoon Paul	B.Tech.
B250115EE	Sabyasachi Majumdar	B.Tech.
B240037CS	Ashok Kumar	B.Tech
PHCS230025	Sanjay Kumar Mahato	Ph.D.

The final notice of cancellation of enrolment and studentship from the Institute will be issued to the respective students.

Item No.34.08: To deliberate on checklist of faculty recruitment of NIT Sikkim as communicated by NITs Division, MoE, Govt. of India..

A mail was received from the NITs Division, Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India on 29th September 2025 regarding the inclusion of any agenda item related to faculty recruitment in the meetings of the Board of Governors (BoG) or the Finance Committee. A checklist pertaining to faculty recruitments in NITs and IEST, as shared by the MoE, was placed for deliberation and approval.

The Senate approved the same.

Item No.34.09: To consider and approve the Academic Calendar for the EVEN Semester 2025-26 for UG and PG programs.

The Senate approved the following academic calendar for Even semester 2025-26.

Sl.	Activities	Date(s)
1	Physical Reporting	19 th (Monday) -20 th (Tuesday) January, 2026
2.	Supplementary Examination	19 th -23 rd January, 2026
3	Commencement of Class	19 th January 2026 (Monday)
4	Declaration of Supplementary Examination Result	30 th January, 2026
5	First Mid-Term Examination	19 th -21 st Feb, 2026 (Thursday to Saturday)
6	Semester Break (For All)	2 nd -06 th March 2026
5	Second Mid-Term Examination	06 th -08 th April, 2026 (Monday to Wednesday)

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6	Abhiyantran (Tech Fest)	16 th -18 th April, 2026 (Thursday to Saturday)
7	Last Day of Teaching	08 th May, 2026
8	End-Term Theory Examination	11 th -22 nd May, 2026
9	Practical/Sessional Examination	25 th -29 th May, 2026
10	Declaration of Result	01 st June, 2026
11	Summer Vacation for Students	01 st June- 17 th July 2026
11	Summer Vacation for Faculties	01 st June – 10 th July 2026 (40 days)
12	Supplementary Examination	13 th -17 th July, 2026
13	Physical Reporting	20 th -21 st July, 2026
14	Commencement of Odd Semester	20 th July, 2026 (Monday)

Item No.34.10: To consider and approve the implementation rules and regulations for online Executive Postgraduate (PG) Programs in collaboration with Intellipaart Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru.

The Senate approved in principle. The rules, regulations, and guidelines will be circulated for feedback, and after incorporating the suggestions received, the same will be finalized. The Senate further empowered the Chairman, Senate, to approve the revised and finalized rules, regulations, and guidelines.

Item No.34.11: To consider and approve the institutional actions to be initiated on the Letter of Intent (LoI) issued by NCTE for the Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP).

The Senate, after due deliberation and taking into consideration the requirements of additional faculty, infrastructure etc. decided to defer the commencement of the Integrated Teacher Education Programme until further decision. Hence, the agenda was not approved.

Agenda for Reporting:

Item No.34.12: To report the organization of the 8th Convocation of the Institute on 15th December 2025.

The Senate noted the same.

Item No.34.13: To report the semester withdrawal of the B.Tech. Students on medical/ personal ground.

The Senate noted two semesters withdrawal (Odd, July-December 2025-26 and Even, Jan-June 2025-2026) for the following students:

Sl. No	Roll No	Name of the Student	Semesters (Odd 2025-26 and Even 2025-26)
1.	B210143ME	Sonam Tshering	7th and 8th
2.	B250007AI	Ashish Pathak	1st and 2nd

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3.	B250037CS	Deepesh Kumar Bag	1st and 2nd
4.	B250156ME	Fojayel Ahmed	1st and 2nd
5.	B250001AI	Abhay Kishor Chaudhary	1st and 2nd

Item No.34.14: To report the re-registration of Miss Shikha (B240138CE) in the program after withdrawal from the B.Tech.

The Senate noted the same.

Item No.34.15: To report the inclusion of external joint Ph.D. Supervisor of Mr. Debojit Roy, PhD Scholar of the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

As per Rule No. 08 of the Rules and Regulations for the Ph.D. Programme, a supervisor is required to be a regular faculty member of the Institute. The proposed joint supervisor is from another institute and is not a regular faculty member. After due deliberation, the Senate decided not to approve the inclusion of the proposed external joint supervisor.

Item No.34.16: Any other items with the permission of the Chair.

The following table agenda were placed with the approval of Chairman Senate.

Item No.34.S1: To consider and approve the revision of syllabus in the M.Sc. Program of the Chemistry Department

The Senate approved the revised syllabi of the following courses:

- i. Physical Chemistry I (CY21103)
- ii. Molecular Spectroscopy (CY22105)
- iii. Physical Chemistry II (CY22103)
- iv. Physical Chemistry III (CY23103)
- v. Computational Chemistry (CY2*123).

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Director & Chairman

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Registrar (I/c)