

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY DURGAPUR

71st MEETING OF THE SENATE

HELD ON

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023

FROM 04.00 P.M. ONWARD

*AT THE SENATE ROOM, S.N. RAY MEMORIAL BUILDING
NIT DURGAPUR*





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The details of the attendees of the 71st Senate meeting held on December 18, 2023 in the Senate Room of S. N. Roy Memorial Building are as follows:

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Remarks
1	Prof. Arvind Choubey	Director & Chairman-Senate	Present
2	Prof. Ajitava Roychaudhuri	External Member	Absent
3	Prof. Siddhartha Sen	External Member	Absent
4	Prof. Swagata Dasgupta	External Member	Absent
5	Prof. S. Chattopadhyay	Member	Absent
6	Prof. A. Dey	Member	Present
7	Prof. Dalia Dasgupta Mandal	Member	Present
8	Prof. K. Aikat	Member	Present
9	Prof. Surabhi Chaudhuri	Member	Present
10	Prof. S. S. Mukhopadhyay	Member	Present
11	Prof. Apurba Kumar Patra	Member	Present
12	Prof. Rajnarayan Saha	Member	Absent
13	Prof. Sankar Ch. Moi	Member	Absent
14	Prof. Dipankar Sukul	Member	Present
15	Prof. Milan Maji	Member	Present
16	Prof. Parimal Pal	Member	Absent
17	Prof. Kartick Chandra Ghanta	Member	Present
18	Prof. Tamal Mandal	Member	Present
19	Prof. Anup Kumar Sadhukhan	Member	Absent
20	Prof. Gopinath Halder	Member	Present
21	Prof. Susmita Dutta	Member	Present
22	Prof. Dilip Kumar Singha Roy	Member	Absent
23	Prof. Kamal Bhattacharya	Member	Present
24	Prof. Showmen Saha	Member	Present

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25	Prof. Amlan Das	Member	Present
26	Prof. Soumya Bhattacharyya	Member	Present
27	Prof. Atul Krishna Banik	Member	Present
28	Prof. Amiya Kumar Samanta	Member	Present
29	Prof. Tandra Pal	Member	Present
30	Prof. Suchismita Roy	Member	Present
31	Prof. Subrata Nandi	Member	Present
32	Prof. Debashish Nandi	Member	Present
33	Prof. Subhrabrata Choudhury	Member	Present
34	Prof. Tanmay Dey	Member	Present
35	Prof. Mousumi Roy	Member	Absent
36	Prof. Avijan Dutta	Member	Present
37	Prof. Gautam Bandopadhyay	Member	Present
38	Prof. Banshibadan Maji	Member	Present
39	Prof. Anup Kumar Bhattacharjee	Member	Present
40	Prof. Sumit Kundu	Member	Present
41	Prof. Rowdra Ghatak	Member	Present
42	Prof. Gautam Kumar Mahanti	Member	Present
43	Prof. Ashis Kumar Mal	Member	Present
44	Prof. Rajat Mahapatra	Member	Present
45	Prof. Siddhratha Shankar Thakur	Member	Present
46	Prof. Subrata Banerjee	Member	Present
47	Prof. Parimal Acharjee	Member	Present
48	Prof. Chiranjib Koley	Member	Present
49	Prof. Sankar Narayan Mahato	Member	Present
50	Prof. Tapas Kumar Saha	Member	Present
51	Prof. Seema Sarkar (Mondal)	Member	Present
52	Prof. Samarjit Kar	Member	Absent



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53	Prof. Kalyan Adhikari	Member	Present
54	Prof. Indrajit Basak	Member	Present
55	Prof. Biswajit Halder	Member	Absent
56	Prof. Nilotpal Banerjee	Member	Present
57	Prof. Apurba Layek	Member	Present
58	Prof. Asit Baran Puri	Member	Present
59	Prof. Shibendu Shekhar Roy	Member	Present
60	Prof. Nirmal Baran Hui	Member	Present
61	Prof. Karuna Sindhu Ghosh	Member	Present
62	Prof. Joydeep Maity	Member	Present
63	Prof. Ajit Kumar Meikap	Member	Present
64	Prof. Pathik Kumbhakar	Member	Present
65	Prof. Amit Kumar Chakraborty	Member	Present
66	Prof. Nirmal Kumar Roy	Member-Secretary	Present

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Remarks
1	Dr. Debjani Dutta	Invited Member	Present
2	Dr. Jaya Sikder	Invited Member	Present
3	Dr. Diptesh Das	Invited Member	Present
4	Dr. Kaushik Mandal	Invited Member	Present
5	Dr. Durbadal Mondal	Invited Member	Present
6	Dr. Arindam Modak	Invited Member	Present
7	Dr. Lakshmi Kanta Dey	Invited Member	Present
8	Dr. Supriya Bera	Invited Member	Present
9	Dr. Mrinal Kanti Mandal	Invited Member	Present
10	Dr. Bibhash Sen	Invited Member	Present

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Out of 66 Senate members, 54 members were present in the Senate Room of S. N. Roy memorial building and attended the meeting.

At the outset the Chairman, Senate extended a hearty welcome to all the members for taking their time and attending the meeting. Then two minutes of silence was observed in the memory of the departed souls of Prof. Bikash Sinha, former Chairperson, BoG, Prof. B. T. Ghoshal, former Professor of Dept. of Civil Engineering and Prof. P. K. Mukherjee, former Professor of Dept. of Physics.

After that the Chairman, Senate requested Member-secretary, Senate to present the agenda of the 71st Senate meeting.

Prof. N. K. Roy, Member-Secretary of the Senate, on approval of the Chairman, Senate, placed the agenda items in the meeting for discussion and the following resolutions were taken:

Item No. 71.1	Confirmation of the Minutes of the 70th Meeting of the Senate.
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Resolution: Since, no comments have been received from the members of the Senate, minutes of the 70th Senate meeting held on August 02, 2023 were confirmed by the Senate.

Item No. 71.2	Actions Taken Report on the Resolutions Taken in the 70th Meeting of the Senate.
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Resolution: The Senate perused the action taken by the Institute on the decisions of the 70th meeting of the Senate held on August 02, 2023 and noted the Action Taken Reports with satisfaction as circulated with the agenda papers of the 71st Senate meeting.

Item No. 71.3	To consider and approve the names of degree recipients in the 19th Convocation of the Institute.
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Resolution: The Dean (Academic Courses) with the permission of the Chairman, Senate presented the list of students, who have been found qualified for the award of degree in respective programs (refer to Annexures 71.3.1, 71.3.2, 71.3.3 of agenda notes of the 71st Senate meeting). The Senate considered and recommended for approval of the BoG to award respective degrees to all of them. A brief statistics in this regard is appended below.

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Sl. No.	Name of the Program	No. of students graduating		
		Boys	Girls	Total
1	Bachelor of Technology	626	150	776
2	Dual Degree Program	6	2	8
3	Integrated Master of Science in Chemistry	6	6	12
4	Master of Technology	174	69	243
5	Master of Science	53	33	86
6	Master of Business Administration	7	10	17
7	Master of Social Work	1	5	6
8	Doctor of Philosophy till 08/12/2023	35	18	53
	Grand Total	908	293	1201

Item No. 71.4	To consider and approve the names of graduating students for the award of various gold medals and best project certificates in the 19th Convocation of the Institute.
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Resolution: The Dean (Academic Courses) with the permission of the Chairman, Senate presented the names of 36 graduating students for the award of Institute Gold Medals, four Endowment Gold Medals and two graduating students for the Best Project Certificates. The list of such candidates was presented with the agenda notes of the 71st Senate meeting vide Annexure 71.4. The Senate considered their names and recommended for approval of BoG.

Item No. 71.5	To consider matters related to UG and PG studies.
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Resolutions: The Senate considered the matters related to UG and PG studies including the resolutions of the UGAC and PGAC meetings held on 21.08.2023, 09.10.2023, and 11.12.2023 and Dean (Academic Courses) with the permission of the Chairman, Senate presented the minutes of those meetings one after another. Most of the items were observed as routine in nature and the Senate has ratified / approved the resolutions taken by the UGAC and PGAC with the following rider.

- (a) The Senate considered and approved the Item No. 9 of UGAC and PGAC meeting held on 21-08-2023, i.e., the degree nomenclature of DBT-sponsored M. Sc. Program in Life Sciences shall be - (i) 1st and 2nd semesters grade cards, it will be mentioned as Master of Sciences in Life Sciences; (ii) 3rd and 4th semesters grade cards and final degree certificate, it will be mentioned as Master of Sciences in Life Sciences (Specialization: Microbial Biotechnology) or Master of Sciences in Life Sciences (Specialization: Plant & Animal Biotechnology), respectively.

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- (b) The Senate considered and approved the Item No. 9 of UGAC and PGAC meeting held on 09-10-2023, i.e., *the curricula and syllabii of first year B.Tech., Dual Degree (B.Tech. and M. Tech.), Integrated M. Sc. It shall be effective from the AY 2023-24.*
- (c) The Senate considered and approved the Item No. 11 of UGAC and PGAC meeting held on 09-10-2023 with the rider - *Students having backlog in sessional / laboratory subjects or in theory subject(s) on account of attendance defaulter need to study the subject from the start of the semester. Evaluations of her/his performance on all three components, CA, MT and ET will be made again by the subject teachers. However, students in an idle semester shall not be permitted to enrol in any subjects as per the existing UG, PG regulations.*
- (d) The Senate considered and approved the Item No. 9 of UGAC and PGAC meeting held on 11-12-2023 - i.e., *8th semester UG students going for internships will join classes online, appear in Mid Term and End Semester Examinations off line at the NIT Durgapur Campus as per the schedule mentioned in the Academic Calendar 2023-24. For this purpose, both classes and examinations of final semester UG students may be conducted on weekends.*

Item No.	To consider the resolutions of RAC meetings.
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Resolutions: The Senate considered the resolutions of RAC meetings held on 14.09.2023, and 08.12.2023 and Dean (Academic Research) with the permission of the Chairman, Senate presented the minutes of those meetings one after another. Most of the items were observed as routine in nature and the Senate has ratified / approved the resolutions taken by the RAC with the following rider.

- (a) The Senate approved PhD (topic) registration of 68 nos. of PhD scholars as presented with the agenda notes of the 71st Senate meeting vide **Annexure 71.6.3.**
- (b) The Senate recommended for approval of BoG of 14 nos. of PhD scholars for the award of PhD degree as presented with the agenda notes of the 71st Senate meeting vide **Annexure 71.3.3**, sl no. 40 to 53.
- (c) The Senate approved discontinuation from PhD program of 05 nos. of scholars as presented with the agenda notes of the 71st Senate meeting vide **Annexure 71.6.3.**

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- (d) The Senate considered and not approved the request of extension of period of PhD registration of Subrata Joarder (Roll No. 14/CA/1505, Reg. No. NITD/PhD/CA/2016/00750), Prakash Kumar (Roll No. 12BT1502, Reg. No. NITD/PhD/BT/2015/00642), and Ankita Mukherjee (Roll No. 15CHE1103, Reg. No. NITD/PhD/CH/2016/00808) and their studentship is discontinued with immediate effect.
- (e) The Senate considered and approved the request of change of category from "C" to "B" of Mitali Patra (Roll No.: 22PH1109).
- (f) The Senate considered and not approved the request of extension of delivery of (topic) registration seminar by Moumita Goswami, (Roll No. 19CS1506) and her studentship is discontinued with immediate effect.
- (g) The Senate considered and not approved the request of campus release of Sagorika Chakraborty (Roll No. 22ES1101) and her studentship is discontinued with immediate effect.
- (h) The Senate considered and approved the matter of advertisement for admission in PhD programme during Even Semester 2023-2024 as presented with the agenda notes of the 71st Senate meeting vide **Annexure 71.6.2**.
- (i) The Senate considered and not approved the request of change of category Suman Kalyan Porel (Roll No. 23EC1501) and his studentship is discontinued with immediate effect.

Item No. 71.7	To consider the nomination of two faculty members as members in BoG of the Institute
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Resolution: As per "The National Institute of Technology Act 2007", vide Section 11 (f), the Senate considered and recommended - (i) *Prof. Gautam Kumar Mahanti, Professor (HAG), Dept. of Electronics and Communication Engineering and (ii) Dr. Aashish Kumar Bohre, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Electrical Engineering* as members in the BoG of the Institute.

Item No. 71.8	To consider revision of Clause Nos. 5 and 7 of the Sponsored Research and Consultancy Cell (SRCC) guidelines.
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Resolutions: With the permission of the Chairman, Senate, Dean (R&C) presented the agenda. The Senate considered and following resolutions were taken.

- (j) **Ratified the revision of Clause No. 5** of the SRCC guidelines. Revised norms for accounting of consultancy, testing and training as approved is mentioned below.

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Head/Item	Consultancy and Testing without Institute facilities (Type I: with Institute Overhead Rate of 30%)	Consultancy and Testing with Institute facilities (Type II: with Institute Overhead Rate of 40%)
Total Money Received	X	X
Service Tax	T	T
Project Amount	$Y=X-T$	$Y-X-T$
Institute Overhead (I)	$I=0.3Y$	$I=0.4Y$
Remaining Amount (R)	$R=0.7Y$	$R=0.6Y$
Total Expenditure (E)	E	E
Balance Amount for Distribution (B)	$B=R-E$	$B=R-E$

The distribution of balance amount (B) for both Consultancy projects and routine Testing shall be the following:

Sl. No.	Head/Item	Distribution of Capital B %
1	Director	5
2	Director Office	1
3	Dean / Associate Dean (R&C)	4
4	Dean / Associate Dean (R&C) Office	1.5
5	HOD	3
6	Office of HOD	1
7	Registrar & Office of Registrar	2.5
8	Accounts Department	2
9	PI & His Team	80

- (ii) **Approved the deletion of the Clause No. 7.0** of SRCC guidelines leaving the portion "Normally overhead charges shall be applicable @20% of the total project cost. Sometime, the overhead charge sanctioned by the sponsoring agency is less than 20%. In that case overhead charges will be acceptable as per sponsoring agency norm". Moreover, amount of fund received as overhead charges from the sponsoring agency will remain be there in the SRCC account.

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Item No. 71.9	To consider the revision on norms and forms of utilization of Cumulative Professional Development Allowance (CPDA)
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Resolutions: The Senate considered and approved the revised norms and revised formats of utilization of Cumulative Professional Development Allowance (CPDA) as presented with the agenda notes of the 71st Senate meeting vide **Annexure 71.9**.

Item No. 71.10	To consider opening of B. Tech. Program in Mathematics and Computing from AY 2024-25.
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Resolutions: The Senate considered and recommended for approval of BoG for starting a *B. Tech. program in Mathematics and Computing* with intake as 60 including all reservations as per GoI from the AY 2024-25 to be offered by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering. The curricula and syllabi will be prepared by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering and submitted to the Senate later on.

Item No. 71.11	To consider opening of M. Tech. Program in AI and Data Science from AY 2024-25.
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Resolutions: The Senate considered and recommended for approval of BoG for starting an *M. Tech. program in AI and Data Science* with intake as 20 including all reservations as per GoI from the AY 2024-25 to be offered by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering. The curricula and syllabi will be prepared by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering and submitted to the Senate later on.

Item No. 71.12	To consider discontinuation of few M. Tech. Programs.
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Resolutions: The Senate considered and recommended for approval of BoG for discontinuation of the following four M. Tech. programs from the AY 2024-25 due to low admission rate over the last five years.

- M. Tech. Program in Chemical Engineering offered by the Dept. of Chemical Engg.
- M. Tech. Program in Energy Resources and Sustainable Environmental Engg. offered by the Dept. of Chemical Engg.
- M. Tech. Program in Metallurgy and Materials Technology offered by the Dept. of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering
- M. Tech. Program in Advanced Materials Science and Technology offered by the Dept. of Physics

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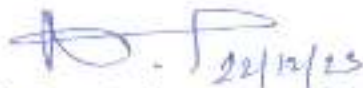
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Item No. 71.13	Any other matter with the permission of the chair
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No additional Agenda items were placed in the meeting.

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


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