# THE XLIX<sup>th</sup> MEETING

# OF

# SENATE

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MEGHALAYA

# MINUTES

*Day: Monday*

*Date: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025*

*Time: 10.30 AM*

*Venue: NIT Meghalaya, Meeting Room*

*Mode: Hybrid Mode*

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MEGHALAYA

## Minutes of the XLIXth Meeting of the Senate held on 01.09.2025.

The XLIXth Meeting of the Senate of NIT Meghalaya was held on 1st September 2025, through hybrid mode from 10:30 AM onwards. The following members attended the meeting: -

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| 1. Prof. P. Mahanta, Director, NIT Meghalaya | -Chairman |
| 2. Prof. M. G. Banerjee, English Literature, EFLU | -Member |
| 3. Prof. S. Basu, Dept of Physics, IIT Guwahati | -Member |
| 4. Prof. Ramakar Jha, CE Dept. NIT Patna | -Member |
| 5. Prof. Saikat Mukherjee, Dean (FW), NIT Meghalaya | -Member |
| 6. Prof. D. S. Roy, Dean(R&C), NIT Meghalaya | -Member |
| 7. Prof. Anup Dandpat, Dean (AA), NIT Meghalaya | -Member |
| 8. Prof. P.S. Mangang, Dean (SW) and HoD HS Dept, NIT Meghalaya | -Member |
| 9. Prof. Gitish Kumar Dutta, CB Dept, NIT Meghalaya | -Member |
| 10. Prof Ayon Bhattacharjee, PH Dept, NIT Meghalaya | -Member |
| 11. Dr. Bhaskarjyoti Chakravarty, Registrar, NIT Meghalaya | -Memebr Secretary |
| 12. Dr. Padeep Kumar Gautam, HoD(CE), NIT Meghalaya | -Spl. Invitee |
| 13. Dr. Deepak Kumar, HoD(CS), NIT Meghalaya | -Spl. Invitee |
| 14. Dr. Sanjoy Debbarma, HoD(EE), NIT Meghalaya | -Spl. Invitee |
| 15. Dr. P. K. Rathore, HoD (EC), NIT Meghalaya | -Spl. Invitee |
| 16. Dr. Tikaram Subedi, HoD(MA), NIT Meghalaya | -Spl. Invitee |
| 17. Dr. Tribedi Bora, HoD(PH), NIT Meghalaya | -Spl. Invitee |
| 18. Dr. Arpita Nath, Associate Dean (PG) | -Spl. Invitee |
| 19. Dr. Koushik Das, Associate Dean AA (UG) | -Spl. Invitee |
| 20. Dr. Shaoni Shabnam HoD, HS, NIT Meghalaya | -Spl. Invitee |
| 21. Dr. Biplab Kumar Debnath, HoD, ME, NIT Meghalaya | -Spl. Invitee |
| 22. Dr. Rokester Kharbihkhiew, Asst. Librarian | -Spl. Invitee |

At the outset, the Chairman, Senate welcomed the members and the special invitees to the **forty ninth** meeting of the Senate. Thereafter, the agenda items of the day were taken up.

## Item No. A: Confirmation of Minutes of the XLVIIIth Senate Meeting held on 26.06.2025.

The Forty Eighth meeting of the Senate of the Institute was held on 26.06.2025 through hybrid mode. The minutes of the meeting was circulated amongst the Senate members for their comments/observations.

**RA/SENATE-XLIX/25:** *The Senate **Resolved to Confirm** the minutes of the XLVIIIth Senate Meeting.*

## Item No. B: Action Taken Report on the decisions of the XLVIIIth Meetings of the Senate.

The actions taken on the decisions of the XLVIIIth Meetings of the Senate were presented during the meeting and the Senate members noted the actions taken by the Institute.

**RB/SENATE-XLIX/25:** *The Senate **Acknowledged** and **Approved** the actions taken on the resolutions of the XLVIIIth Senate Meeting. Senate also **Suggested** to take quick action on the items: R10/Senate-XLVIII/25, R11/Senate-XLVIII/25, R19.3/Senate-XLVIII/25.*

# Items for Approval

## Item No.1: Nomination of two Professors by the Senate for BoG.

As per the provisions of the NIT Statutes, two Professors of the Institute are to be nominated by the Senate to serve as members of the Board of Governors (BoG). The tenure of the existing nominees is due to end on **27th September, 2025**.

The matter was placed before the Senate for consideration. After due deliberation and based on nominations, the Senate resolved to nominate **Prof. Deba Kumar Sarma** and **Prof. Saikat Mukherjee** as the two Professors representing the Senate in the Board of Governors (BoG).

**R1/SENATE-XLIX/25:** *The Senate **Resolved to Approve** the nominations of **Prof. Saikat Mukherjee** and **Prof. Deba Kumar Sarma** as members for Board of Governors (BoG) of the Institute with effect from 28th September, 2025, for a tenure as prescribed under the NIT Statutes (2 years).*

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## Item No.2: Guidelines for Long Term Internship programme.

The Senate considered the draft guidelines for **Long Term Internship** (one semester or more) and **Short Term Internship** (less than one semester) for UG/PG students, as placed in Annex–2.1. The guidelines comprehensively cover eligibility, duration, credit transfer, evaluation mechanism, and approval process, ensuring uniformity across departments.

The Senate deliberated on the proposal and approved the guidelines as presented

**R2/SENATE-XLIX/25:** *The Senate **Resolved** to **Approve** the* Guidelines for Long Term and Short Term Internship Programme *as placed in Annex–2.1.* This is applicable from the academic session when it has been implemented under NEP (i.e AY 2024-25).

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## Item No.3: PG admission under Institute mode.

The Senate noted that as per Item 7 of the 33rd Senate Meeting, the provision of PG admissions under the Institute Mode was approved to fill vacant seats after the completion of the centralized counseling process (CCMT/CCMN). The Academic

Section informed that this mode has been successfully implemented during the last three academic years. A summary of admissions, enrolments, and performance outcomes of students admitted through this mode was presented for Senate's perusal (Annex–3.1).

After deliberation, the Senate resolved to continue the provision of PG admissions under the Institute Mode. It was further resolved that this provision be formally incorporated into the PG Ordinance of the Institute. Students admitted under this mode, if otherwise eligible, shall continue to receive scholarships as per the prevailing norms.

**R3/SENATE-XLIX/25:** *The Senate **Resolved to Approve** the provision for admission to PG programs through the Institute mode. This shall be incorporated into the PG Ordinance.*

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## Item No.4: Minor Modification of courses in Mechanical Engineering (M.Tech).

The Senate considered the recommendations of the Departmental Academic Committee (DAC) regarding minor modifications in the syllabi of ME503 (Thermal and Fluid System Design) and ME515 (Experimental Methods in Mechanical Systems) of the M.Tech (Mechanical Engineering) programme.

After due deliberation, the Senate RESOLVED that the revised syllabus of ME503 be approved, while ME515 shall continue with the existing syllabus. For ME 515, the Senate advised that the course be revised with the provision for incorporating a minor case study/project, and the revised version is to be placed again before the Senate. For the current semester, the existing ME 515 will continue to be adopted.

**R4/SENATE-XLIX/25**: *The Senate **Resolved** that the revised syllabus of **ME503** be **approved**, while **ME515** shall continue with the **existing syllabus***

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## Item No.5: Induction of Adjunct Professors in  CS and HS Departments.

The Senate considered the proposals from the Departments of Computer Science & Engineering (CS) and Humanities & Social Sciences (HS) for the induction of Adjunct Professors to strengthen teaching and research activities. It was noted that the proposals were reviewed and recommended by the respective Departmental Academic Committees (DAC) and subsequently endorsed by the Academic Committee of the Faculty (ACoFAR).

As per Annex-5.1, the following candidates were recommended for induction as Adjunct Professors:

1. **Dr. P. Malliga**, Professor & Head, Department of Computer Science & Engineering, NITTTR Chennai – for the Department of Computer Science & Engineering.
2. **Dr. S. Renukadevi**, Professor, Department of Education, NITTTR Chennai – for the Department of Humanities & Social Sciences.

After due deliberation, the Senate approved the induction of the above-mentioned Adjunct Professors in the CS and HS Departments.

**R5/SENATE-XLIX/25:** *The Senate **Resolved** to **Approve** the induction of both the candidates as Adjunct Professors in their respective departments.*

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## Item No.6: Introduction of short term course on German Language (a Micro-Credit Course).

The Senate considered the proposal for the introduction of a short-term German Language course (60–90 hours) to be offered in collaboration with the Department of Germanic Studies, English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU), Shillong Regional Campus, under the framework of the existing MoU between NIT Meghalaya and EFLU.

The course aims to provide foundational knowledge in German language skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) along with exposure to German culture and traditions. The salient features of the course include:

- **Duration:** 60–90 hours, to be completed within two semesters.
- **Conducted by:** Faculty from EFLU.
- **Mode:** Online and offline classes.
- **Assessment & Certification:** Conducted by EFLU; certificates to be issued by EFLU.
- **Credit:** The course will be considered as a Micro-Credit course and reflected in the student's transcript.
- **Registration Fee:** ₹500 per student.
- **Coordination:** Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS), NIT Meghalaya.

**R6/SENATE-XLIX/25:** *The Senate **Resolved** to **Approve** the introduction of the short-term German Language course as a Micro-Credit course at NIT Meghalaya in collaboration with EFLU, Shillong Regional Campus. It will be offered for students, faculty members and staffs.*

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## Item No.7: Clarification on Fellowship Enhancement for Existing Scholars.

The Senate noted that, as per the decision taken in the XLIIIrd Senate Meeting, fellowship enhancement is to be made effective from the date of completion of two years, irrespective of the date of seminar, and the same was notified vide Notification No. NITMGH/AA/SENATE NOTIFICATION/2024-25/398 dated 23rd October 2024. The notification had also mentioned that the provision would apply to all existing scholars.

It was further reported that, in practice, the enhancement was not extended to those scholars who had either (i) submitted their thesis before the date of the said notification, or (ii) changed their category (e.g., from full-time to part-time) prior to

the notification. Consequently, 14 such scholars were not considered for the enhancement. Some of these scholars have now raised queries regarding their eligibility.

The Senate deliberated on the matter and **clarified that fellowship enhancement shall not be applicable to scholars who had submitted their thesis prior to the notification date or had changed their category before the said date. Accordingly, no arrears of fellowship will be admissible to such cases.**

**R7/SENATE-XLIX/25:** *The Senate **Resolved** that the fellowship enhancement will **not be extended** with arrears to the above-mentioned scholars.*

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# Ratification Items

**Item No.8: Result of Summer term and Special exam 2025.**

The Result of Summer term and Special term exams 2025 have been declared with the approval of the Chairman, Senate and are placed and presented before the senate as Annexure 8.1.

**R8/SENATE-XLIX/25:** *The Senate **Resolved** to **Ratify** the Result of Summer term and Special term exams 2025.*

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**Item No.9: Comprehensive exam result, 2025**

The Result of Comprehensive exams 2025 have been declared with the approval of the Chairman, Senate and are placed and presented before the senate as Annexure 9.1.

**R9/SENATE-XLIX/25:** *The Senate **Resolved** to **Ratify** the Result of Comprehensive exams 2025.*

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## Item No.10: Format of Roll no. for MCA programme.

The Academic Section proposed a format for allotting roll numbers to students of the MCA programme, in line with the existing convention for other programmes, as detailed below:

- **B.Tech:** B25EC001 (B – B.Tech, 25 – Year of admission, EC – Department Code, 001 – Serial No.)
- **M.Tech:** T25CS001
- **M.Sc.:** S25CB001
- **MCA (Proposed):** C25CS001 (C – MCA, 25 – Year of admission, CS – Department Code, 001 – Serial No.)

This uniform structure will ensure consistency across all programmes.

The Senate considered the proposal and ratified the roll number format for the MCA programme. It was further resolved that the approved format be incorporated in the PG Ordinance.

**R10/SENATE-XLIX/25:** *The Senate **Resolved** to **Ratify** the roll number format for MCA Programme.*

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## Item No.11: Change of Category from Full Time to Part Time (MA Scholar).

Ms. Dixita Sonowal, a Ph.D. scholar in the Department of Mathematics under the supervision of Dr. Bidyasagar Kumbhakar, has been selected as a Lecturer in Mathematics at Morigaon Polytechnic, Assam, with joining scheduled on 21st July 2025. She requested a change of registration status from Full-Time to Part-Time to enable her to continue her research work while discharging her professional responsibilities.
The matter was placed before the Senate for consideration.

The Senate deliberated on the request and ratified the change of category of Ms. Dixita Sonowal from Full-Time to Part-Time in the Ph.D. programme of the Department of Mathematics.

**R11/SENATE-XLIX/25:** *The Senate **Resolved** to **Ratify** the change of category from PhD full time to part time for Ms Dixita Sonowal.*

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# Items for Reporting

## Item No.12: Admission details of Academic Year 2025-26.

The admission process for the Academic Year 2025–26 has been completed for various programmes of the Institute, including B.Tech, M.Tech, M.Sc., MCA, and Ph.D. The details of admitted students, including category-wise distribution and seat occupancy, were presented in tabular form (Annex-12.1) for reference.

**R12/SENATE-XLIX/25:** *The Senate **Noted** and **Appreciated** the admission details of Academic Year 2025–26**.***

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## Item No.13: Long Term Internship-2025.

- As part of the Institute's academic framework, provision exists for students to undergo Long-Term Internships in reputed organizations and institutions. For the current cycle, a total of **67 students** have joined Long-Term Internship programmes. The details of the students and their host organizations were placed before the Senate for reference (Annex 13.1)

**R13/SENATE-XLIX/25:** *The Senate **Noted** the details of the Long-Term Internships for 2025.*

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## Any other

## Item No. 14.1: Introduction of short term course on Khasi Language.

The Senate considered the proposal for the introduction of a short-term **Khasi Language course** in line with the objectives of **NEP 2020**, aimed at promoting inclusivity, holistic development, and cultural awareness. The course will be conducted in **offline mode** at two levels (Introductory and Intermediate), coordinated by the **Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS)**. It will be open to **students, faculty, and staff** of the Institute.

It was noted that:

- Each level will run for **30–40 hours** and may be completed within two semesters.
- Students completing the course successfully will receive **Micro-Credit recognition** (reflected in their transcript).

- Faculty and staff completing the course successfully will be awarded **Certificates by NIT Meghalaya**.

During deliberations, the Senate suggested that the course be introduced **without any registration fee** to encourage wider participation.

Accordingly, the Senate **RESOLVED to approve** the introduction of the Khasi Language Course (Introductory & Intermediate levels), coordinated by the Department of HSS, with the above modification.

**R14.1/SENATE-XLIX/25:** *The Senate **Resolved to Approve** the introduction of the Khasi Language Course.*

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**Any other**

**Item No. 14.2: Introduction of Course titled *"Positive Life"*.**

Prof. Ayon Bhattacharyya, PIC of the **Sitimon Sawian Centre of Inclusive Education**, presented a proposal for a course titled *"Positive Life"*. The course is designed as an **Audit course**, with a duration of **30 hours**, and will be offered as a **paid course**.

After discussion, the Senate **suggested that the course be revised** before further consideration.

**R14.2/SENATE-XLIX/25:** *The Senate **Suggested** that the **course be revised** before further consideration.*

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Registrar and Secretary

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