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The 63<sup>rd</sup> Senate meeting held on 04<sup>th</sup> February 2026, at 03:30 PM on Wednesday, at Swami Vivekanand Senate Hall commenced with the welcome of the Chairman, Senate and Director, Prof. Karunesh Kumar Shukla. The Chairman, Senate, welcomed the new Dean Academic, Prof. Shailendra Jain and Registrar, Dr Sarvesh Kumar Tiwari, who were attending the meeting of the Senate since their appointment. Dean Academic, Prof. Shailendra Jain extended thanks to the former Dean Academic, Dr. M. M. Malik for his contributions, and welcomed all the Senate members.

The following members attended the meeting: -

1.	Prof. Karunesh Kumar Shukla, Director & Chairman Senate	27.	Dr. R. M. Sarviya
2.	Mr. Sarvesh Kumar Tiwari, Registrar & Secretary Senate	28.	Dr. J. L .Bhagoria
3.	Prof. Aysha Viswamohan, IIT Madras, External Member (attended online)	29.	Dr. Madhvi Shakya
4.	Prof. Rajani R. Joshi, Ex Professor, Deptt. Mathematics, IIT Bombay, External Member	30.	Dr. Vishnu Prasad
5.	Prof. Shailendra Jain, Dean (Academic)	31.	Dr. R. K. Nema
6.	Dr. G. S. Kushwaha, I/c Dean (SW) & I/c HOD, MBA	32.	Dr. Namita Srivastava
7.	Prof. Nilay Khare, Dean (R&C)	33.	Dr. S.P.S. Rajput
8.	Prof. Sushma Gupta, Dean (FW)	34.	Dr. Savita Nema
9.	Prof. Anupama Sharma, Dean (ID&IR)	35.	Dr. Jagdish Singh
10.	Dr. Arvind Mittal, HOD, ESE	36.	Dr. Mukul Kulshreshta
11.	Dr. M. S. Chauhan, HOD, Civil	37.	Dr. Savita Dixit
12.	Dr. Rajnish Kurchania, HOD, Physics	38.	Dr. N. P. Patidar
13.	Dr. Dheeraj Agrawal, HOD, ECE	39.	Dr. Anil Kumar Sharma
14.	Dr. Deepak Tomar, HOD, AI	40.	Dr. P. K. Jain
15.	Dr. Sanjeev Singh, HOD, EE	41.	Dr. Arvind Rajawat
16.	Dr. Nakul Dhagat, HOD, Arch. & Plan.	42.	Dr. Yogendra Kumar
17.	Dr. Usha Chouhan, HOD, MBC	43.	Dr. Manisha Dubey
18.	Dr. Anjali Jain, HOD, HSS	44.	Dr. Sanjay Sharma
19.	Dr. Amit Dubey, HOD, Chemistry	45.	Dr. Ajay Somkuwar
20.	Dr. Ramesh K. Nayak, HOD, MME	46.	Dr. Jyoti Sarup
21.	Dr. S. Suresh, HOD, Chemical	47.	Dr. Meenu Chawla
22.	Dr. Khushhali M. Pandey, HOD, BSE	48.	Dr. Atul Lanjewar, PIC (Exam)
23.	Dr. C. M. Krishna, HOC, SM	49.	Dr. Sujoy Das
24.	Dr. V. K. Soni, I/c HOD Mech	50.	Dr. Rakesh Kumar
25.	Dr. M. M. Malik	51.	Dr. H.L. Tiwari
26.	Dr. Rahul M Shrivastava	52.	Dr. Chandan Verma
		53.	Dr. Vilas Warudkar
		54.	Dr. Bharat Modhera, Asso. Dean (PG&R)
		55.	Dr. Varun Bajaj, Asso. Dean (UG)
		56.	Dr. Sanyam Shukla, Asso. Dean (DI)

  
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**SECTION-1**  
**ITEMS FOR RATIFICATION**

<b>Item S-63.2026-I-1.1</b>	<b>Confirmation of Minutes of 62<sup>nd</sup> Senate Meeting held on 14.10.2025</b>
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The minutes of 62<sup>nd</sup> Senate Meeting held on 14.10.2025 were circulated to all members. Comments from few Senate members were received, incorporated and duly approved.

*Annexure -1.1*

**Decision:**

**The Senate resolved to confirm the minutes of its 62<sup>nd</sup> Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025.**

<b>Item S-63.2026-I-1.2</b>	<b>Extension granted to Ph.D. Scholars for six months beyond five years, after 62<sup>nd</sup> Senate meeting</b>
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List of Ph.D. students who have been granted extension for six months beyond five years, after 62<sup>nd</sup> Senate meeting, with due approval from the competent authority, is placed before Senate for ratification.

S.N.	Scholar No.	Name of Ph.D. Scholar	Department	Extension Beyond 05 Years
1.	183111006	Tushar Golait	Civil	01.09.2025 to 31.12.2025
2.	203111017	T M Prateek	Civil	30.12.2025 to 29.06.2026
3.	193111010	Vinay Raj	Civil	12.01.2026 to 11.07.2026
4.	203112016	Yogesh Kumar Sharma	CSE	31.12.2025 to 30.06.2026
5.	193112001	Rijvan Beg	CSE	12.01.2026 to 11.07.2026
6.	203112012	Rahul Singh	CSE	30.12.2025 to 29.06.2026
7.	203112001	Abhishek Jadhav	CSE	29.12.2025 to 28.01.2026
8.	193112011	Arvind Kumar	CSE	14/01/2026 to 13/04/2026
9.	203112017	Bhawna Swarnkar	CSE	31.12.2025 to 30.06.2026
10.	193112008	Chandrabhushan Prasad	CSE	17/01/2026 to 16/07/2026
11.	203102001	Avala Ramesh	Chemistry	29.12.2025 to 28.06.2026
12.	203118004	Malle Lingamaiah	ESE	29.12.2025 to 28.01.2026
13.	203113006	Shweta Mehroliya	EE	29.12.2025 to 28.03.2026
14.	203113007	Sunil Kumar Gautam	EE	30.12.2025 to 29.05.2026
15.	203113004	Ritu Verma	EE	29.12.2025 to 28.06.2026
16.	203113010	Satyam Patel	EE	30.12.2025 to 29.06.2026
17.	203119002	Rahul Sharma	MME	30.12.2025 to 29.06.2026
18.	203120002	Navneet Gupta	MBC	29.12.2025 to 28.06.2026
19.	203122001	Shaifali Bhatt	MBC	29.12.2025 to 28.03.2026
20.	203116027	Deepa Ahirwar	Mech	27.12.2025 to 26.06.2026
21.	203116005	Avinash Selot	Mech	29.12.2025 to 28.06.2026
22.	193116026	Priyank Dixit	Mech	23.12.2025 to 22.06.2026
23.	203133003	Saurabh Bharne	HSS	29.12.2025 to 28.06.2026
24.	203133004	Sandeep Tripathi	HSS	29.12.2025 to 28.06.2026

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25.	203133002	Ajayan T.S.	HSS	29.12.2025 to 28.06.2026
26.	203124002	Vinayak Singh	BSS	29.12.2025 to 28.06.2026
27.	193124003	Sarit Prabha	BSS	23.12.2025 to 22.06.2026
28.	213121003	Shashwat Mishra	Manag. Studies	31.01.2025 to 30.06.2026
29.	203124003	Shrutika Sharma	BSE	01.01.2026 to 30.06.2026
30.	193116011	Yashwant Kumar Yadav	Mech	13.01.2026 to 12.07.2026
31.	193110001	Apurva Sharma	Arch & Plan	12.12.2025 to 11.06.2026
32.	193110005	Rakesh Mistry	Arch & Plan	13.01.2026 to 12.07.2026
33.	193104001	Sonu Kurmi	MBC	13.01.2026 to 12.07.2026
34.	203114009	Shivnarayan Ahirwar	ECE	30.12.2025 to 29.06.2026

Annexure -1.2

**Decision:**

*The Senate ratified the approval accorded by the Chairman, Senate on the extension granted to the above-listed Ph.D. students beyond five years.*

<b>Item S-63.2026-I-1.3</b>	<b>List of Ph.D. Recipients: Notified after 62<sup>nd</sup> Senate Meeting</b>
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Ph.D. candidates who have completed Ph.D. degree after 62<sup>nd</sup> Senate meeting with due approval by the Chairman Senate, are enclosed as Annexure.

Annexure -1.3

**Decision:**

*The Senate ratified the approval accorded by the Chairman, Senate on the Ph.D. Examination Boards of the Ph.D. students as per the list in Annexure. The Senate also congratulated the PhD Scholars and their Supervisors.*

<b>Item S-63.2026-I-1.4</b>	<b>Results of UG, PG &amp; Ph.D. Examinations after 62<sup>nd</sup> Senate Meeting</b>
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After 62<sup>nd</sup> Senate meeting, all the regular results were declared with due approval of Chairman, Senate.

Annexure -1.4

**Decision:**

*The Senate ratified the approval accorded by the Chairman, Senate, on the regular results of UG, PG and Ph.D. examinations declared after its 62<sup>nd</sup> meeting.*

<b>Item S-63.2026-I-1.5:</b>	<b>Minutes of Board of Academic Council (BoAC) meeting conducted in Mechanical Engineering Department</b>
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The minutes of Board of Academic Council (BoAC) meeting conducted in Mechanical Engineering Department have been approved by the Chairman Senate.

Annexure -1.5

**Decision:**

*The Senate ratified the approval accorded by the Chairman, Senate on the recommendations of the Board of Academic Council (BoAC) of the Department of Mechanical Engineering.*

*The Senate also resolved that the M. Tech. (Robotics and Automation) course is referred back for necessary revision and to be placed in Forthcoming Senate.*

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Item S-63.2026-I-1.6	Implementation of Skill Development Courses at B.Tech. Level in Department of Energy Science and Engineering
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The Department of Energy Science and Engineering has incorporated skill development courses under the B.Tech. (Energy and Electric Vehicle Engineering) programme to ensure the availability of skilled manpower for the development of the Green Hydrogen ecosystem. A minor change in the name of an elective will be reflected in the B.Tech. programme scheme, as approved by the competent authority.

Annexure -1.6

**Decision:**

*The Senate ratified the approval accorded by the Chairman, Senate, on the above.*

Item S-63.2026-I-1.7	Mode of submission of PhD Synopsis and Thesis for Evaluation to Examiners
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To streamline the process and avoid postal delays, it was proposed to send the soft copy of the PhD Synopsis and Thesis (received from the concerned Supervisor with prescribed formats), to examiners on their institutional email IDs, instead of dispatching hard copies by speed post.

Hard copies will only be sent to those examiners who specifically request by writing to PIC (Exam) at [coe@manit.ac.in](mailto:coe@manit.ac.in). The same has already been approved by the Chairman of the Senate w.e.f. 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026.

Annexure -1.7

**Decision:**

*The Senate ratified the approval of the Chairman, Senate, on the proposal for sending a soft copy of the PhD. Synopsis and Thesis to examiners on their institutional email IDs, instead of dispatching hard copies by speed post.*

Item S-63.2026-I-1.8	Circulars / Notices of Academic Reforms
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Following Circulars / Notices were issued for Academic reforms-

- i. Permission to Proceed to other Institution and Transfer of Academic Credits
- ii. Provision of Content Delivery of the Syllabus by Industry Expert.
- iii. Provision of Remedial Classes for Deficient students.

Annexure -1.8

**Decision:**

*The Senate took a note of the above Circulars/ Notices issued towards Academic reforms. The Senate also resolved that the HoDs shall maintain the records of the lectures delivered by the Industry Experts.*

Item S-63.2026-I-1.9	Request for Exit from Dual Degree Program and Grant of B.Tech. Degree
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Request received from Department of MBC that Mr. Lakvesh Sharma (Scholar No. 214104025), who wants to exit from Dual Degree (B.Tech. + M.Tech.) program after completion of the B.Tech. course. Currently he is in IX semester of Mathematics and Data Science (MDS) and has successfully completed all academic requirements and earned the necessary credits for the B.Tech. degree as per the curriculum structure.

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He has received an off-campus opportunity at Tata Electronics Pvt. Ltd. as an AI/ML Engineer, for which his B.Tech. 2025 pass-out status is required. Hence, requested to permit exit the MDS Dual Degree course. This is already approved by the Chairman Senate, dated 29.10.2025

Annexure -1.9

**Decision:**

*The Senate ratified the request made by Mr. Lakvesh Sharma to exit the Dual Degree program with a B.Tech. degree. The Senate, further resolved that such exit requests be treated as routine matters.*

Item S-63.2026-I-1.10	Applicability of different ordinances and schemes to students admitted in last four years
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At present two ordinances are UG Ordinance 2024 & UG Ordinance 2016 (with amendments), and three Course Schemes are in existence for students admitted in AY 2022-23 to AY 2025-26. The applicability of Ordinance & Schemes to various Batches are listed below:

Admitted Batch	Effective Ordinance	Effective Scheme
AY 2025-26	UG 2024	2025-26
AY 2024-25	UG 2024	2024-25
AY 2023-24	UG 2016 with Applicable amendments	2021-22
AY 2022-23	UG 2016 with Applicable amendments	2021-22

Annexure -Nil

**Decision:**

*The Senate noted the applicability of Ordinance & Schemes to various Batches as listed above.*

SECTION-2

ITEMS FOR REPORTING & DISCUSSION

Item S-63.2026-I-2.1	UG Ordinance 2024 Amendment: Procedure to clear backlog/ Supplementary examination
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The UG Ordinance 2024, Clause no 6.2 (b), Fail Grade 'F' states: A student who is awarded F grade shall have to repeat the course whenever it is offered again.

There is no provision of Supplementary examination to clear backlog. However, the student admitted in July/Aug 2024 already appeared in supplementary examination as per the UG Ordinance 2016 instead of repeat. It is therefore proposed that the conduction of supplementary examination to clear backlog be included in this clause as per UG Ordinance 2016.

Annexure -2.1

**Decision:**

*The Senate resolved to conduct Supplementary Examinations to clear the backlog as per UG Ordinance 2016. The Supplementary Examination be renamed as "Re-examination".*

  
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<b>Item S-63.2026-I-2.2</b>	<b>Equivalency of the Credit Points for Start-up or the Project related to Rural Problems under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan</b>
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To promote startup activities, UG Ordinance 2024, Clause 12.1 offers "Incentives for Start-ups" against "Project-based Labs". It is proposed to award equivalent Credits against the Project Based Lab-1 / Project-1 / Project Based Lab-2 / Project -2 offered in IV, VI, VII and VIII Semester respectively, under the Clause 12.1 (other incentive to students) of the UG ordinance 2024.

The equivalence of credit and outcome in terms of TRL is given below:

Semester/Subject	Credit	Level of Out Comes to be achieved by Startup
IV Semester / Project Based Lab1	1 credit	TRL Level 1,2
VI Semester / Project-1	1 credit	
VII Semester / Project Based Lab-2	2 credits	TRL Level 1,2,3,
VIII Semester / Project-2	8 credits	TRL Level 1 to 5
<p>i. <i>The level of Out comes by startup will be evaluated by the committee constituted by the HoDs/HoCs, with a nominee from Rolta Incubation Centre.</i></p> <p>ii. <i>Additional Credit may be relaxed against VIII Semester Courses on case-to-case basis, as per recommendation of Committee constituted by Chairperson of Senate.</i></p>		

TRL Definitions:

TRL	Phases	TRL	Phases
1	Basic Research	6	Viability Demonstration
2	Technology Application	7	Commercial Transition
3	Feasibility Demonstration	8	Commercial Demonstration
4	Lab-Scale Development	9	Commercial Deployment
5	Technology Development		

Annexure -2.2

**Decision:**

*The Senate resolved to approve the proposal to award equivalent credits for Start-ups or Projects under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, as above.*

<b>Item S-63.2026-I-2.3</b>	<b>Rationalization and Flexibility in Offering Departmental Electives (PG Program)</b>
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Department of Mechanical Engineering proposed for consideration and approval that no restrictions shall be imposed on offering departmental elective subjects for PG programs (likewise separate list for Department Elective 1, 2,3 and 4). A consolidated list of approved electives shall be maintained, from which any elective may be floated in a semester depending upon curriculum requirements, student demand, and availability of faculty.

Annexure -2.3

**Decision:**

*The Senate resolved to approve the proposal of the Department of Mechanical Engineering to allow flexibility in offering PG electives from a consolidated list. The Senate, also suggested that other departments may adopt this model.*

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Item S-63.2026-I-2.4	Requests received from various departments for change of Supervisor
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- Mr. Vihang G. Pathare, Part Time PhD Scholar (24311012104), Department of Civil Engineering has requested to change his supervisor Dr. Rajesh K Mehato in place of Dr. Rutuja M. Chavan. Both supervisors have given their consent.
- Mr. Saurabh Jaiswal, Part-Time PhD Scholar (25321012104), Department of Management Studies has requested to change his supervisor Dr. Gyaneshwar Singh Kushwaha in place of Dr. Shuchi Srivastava. Both supervisors have given their consent.

**Rule Position:**

*As per PhD Ordinance 2024, Clause 1.4.4: Change of Main/Co-Supervisor, is permitted under exceptional circumstances only if supervisor leaves the Institute permanently, supervisor proceeds on leave for a period exceeding 06 months, or supervisor passes away.*

Annexure -2.4

**Decision:**

*The Senate approved the requests for supervisor changes for Mr. Vihang G. Pathare and Mr. Saurabh Jaiswal.*

*Further, the Senate resolved to refer the matter to the Standing Committee of the Senate for suggesting necessary amendments in the PhD Ordinance.*

Item S-63.2026-I-2.5	Equivalency of Patent/Technology Transfer against publication requirement for Ph. D. Thesis submission
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To enhance research, Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering requested to give publication equivalency like 01 SCIE = 01 Patent = 02 SCOPUS. As per Ph. D. ordinance - 2016 & 2024 publication requirements are as follows:

Ph.D. Ordinance	Clause	Publication requirements
2016	Clause 10.7.1 (Amendment)	Number of research publications in SCI/SCIE/SSCI (Q1 or Q2) only: 02 <b>or</b> Number of research publications SCI/SCIE/SSCI/ESCI: 02 with 01 additional SCOPUS indexed paper
2024	Clause 1.5.1	Number of research publications SCI/SCIE/SSCI: 02 <b>or</b> Number of SCOPUS indexed paper = 04

**Proposal:** It is proposed to give weightage for Patent Granted/Technology Transfer equal to one SCI/SCIE/SSCI (Q1) paper.

Annexure -2.5

**Decision:**

*The Senate resolved the publication requirements as follows:*

<b>Publication Requirement:</b>
<i>02 publications in SCI/SCIE/SSCI (Q1 or Q2) Journals</i>
<b>OR</b>
<i>02 publications in SCI/SCIE/SSCI/ESCI Journals with 01 additional SCOPUS indexed journal paper.</i>
<b>Equivalency against publication:</b>
<i>(a) 01 Patent granted to be considered equivalent to 01 SCI/SCIE/SSCI (Q1/Q2) Paper</i>
<i>(b) 01 Technology transfer to be considered for the award of PhD Degree.</i>

  
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Item S-63.2026-I-2.6	Modification in Ph. D. Thesis Title finalization at the time of Pre-synopsis presentation seminar
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Department of Electronics and Communications Engineering requested to finalize the Thesis title at a later stage rather than in RDC meeting.

The rule position is as follows:

- As per Ph. D. ordinance -2024, Clause 1.6.4(b), the research topic is finalized at the time of RDC meeting (may be fine-tuned with slight deviation at the time of pre-thesis submission).
- As per Ph. D. ordinance -2016, Clause 10.8.2(b): Function of RDC- to finalize the area of the work and title of the thesis

**Proposal:** In view of above, it is proposed to modify point (b) of RDC functions as follows:

(b) To finalize the research proposal, tentative title of the research/Thesis with well-defined research objectives. The same title of the Thesis can be fine-tuned/modified during pre-synopsis presentation seminar.

*Annexure -2.6*

**Decision:**

*The proposal to amend point (b) of RDC functions was approved by the Senate.*

Item S-63.2026-I-2.7	Admission of Project JRF Fellows (Working under Sponsored R&D Projects at MANIT Bhopal) into the Full-Time Ph.D. Category
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As per PhD Ordinance 2024, Clause 1.1, JRF working under External Funded Projects with minimum duration of three years, are considered as *Part-Time Ph.D. Scholars, under "PT-Project" Category*.

As per request received from Department of Civil Engineering (CE/1690 dated 14.01.2026), it is proposed to admit such students as Full Time PhD Candidate, under a new "FT Project" Category. As per the request of Department of Civil Engineering such provisions exist in a few other NITs.

*Annexure -2.7*

**Decision:**

*The Senate considered the proposal and resolved not to approve the same. The Senate, further resolved to refer the matter to the Standing Committee of Senate for review.*

Item S-63.2026-I-2.8	Guidelines for Ph.D. reforms
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Following modifications are proposed for possible reforms in Ph. D. research:

1. **The title of PG/Ph.D. Thesis:** will be decided preferably based on National need/Priorities.
2. **The allotment of supervisor:** will be done as follows (italic points are new addition):
  - (i) The Chairman DRPC shall furnish the information about the numbers of slots/vacancy available with the faculty of the department.

  
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- (ii) The Department wise allotment process begins by making the details of prospective supervisor(s) and their area of expertise with proposed title, on the Institute website, at least 2-3 weeks prior to the start of the selection process.
- (iii) *Problem statement (1- or 2-page summary) should be submitted by supervisor to the Chairman DRPC.*
- (iv) The prospective candidate can interact with the respective faculty in his/her area of interest and thereafter indicate his/her choice of supervisors in the order of preferences.
- (v) All selected candidates will be allotted a supervisor based on the mutual interest of both the candidate and the supervisor.
- (vi) *Supervisor allotment will be done based on faculty performance in terms of SCIE Publications/Project handled/Patents etc., by a committee duly constituted by the Chairman, Senate.*
- (vii) Other terms and conditions will remain as stated in Clause 1.4

**3. Modification in Ph. D. ordinance - 2024, Clause 1.2.3, Seminar/Conference Entitlement:** *“Ph.D. scholars are entitled to have financial support from institute for presenting papers in seminars/conferences in online/offline mode. The entitlement shall be maximum up to Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen thousand only) per scholar per academic year.”*

**Proposed modification:** However, financial support after 03 years will be provided only if Ph. D. candidate will publish at least 01 SCIE (Q1) or 02 SCIE papers, within 03 years or one utility patent granted.

Annexure -Nil

**Decision:**

*The Senate approved the proposed reforms. Accordingly, financial support after three years will be provided only if the candidate publishes at least one SCI (Q1/Q2) paper or 02 SCIE papers, or has one Utility/Design Patent granted.*

<b>Item S-63.2026-I-2.9</b>	<b>Ph.D. admission under Part Time Ph.D. category</b>
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At present, Institute is offering 200 seats each in both Full Time and Part Time Ph.D. admission category. The admission status of Part-time Ph.D. category (without fellowship) for the last two years is as follows:

Academic Year	No. of admission in Part Time PhD category
2024 - 2025	170/200
2025 - 2026	200/200

It is noted that in AY 2025-26, all the seats of Part time Ph.D. were filled. In few Departments, the eligible candidates were more.

Ph.D. Ordinance 2024, Clause 1.2.1 states that “The number of seats under Part-time Ph.D. program is variable and shall be decided by the Senate-mandate based on availability of the Supervisors”.

**Proposal:** In view of above, it is proposed to remove the limit of seats for part-time Ph.D. admission category. **However, limit of Ph.D. supervisors will remain as of Clause 1.2.1**

  
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and the Ph.D. candidate is expected to adhere to research work standard/ethics as per applicable Ph.D. Ordinance.

Annexure -Nil

**Decision:**

*The Senate approved the above proposal regarding removing the limit of seats under part-time Ph.D. admission category.*

Item S-63.2026-I-2.10	Proposal for reformation of Centre of AI
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A proposal has been received from HOD (CSE) and HOC (AI) for reformation of Centre of AI.

Annexure -2.10

**Decision:**

*The Senate approved the proposal to merge the AI Centre faculty with the Computer Science & Engineering (CSE) Department. The AI Centre will now be operated by faculty members from various departments who are actively working in interdisciplinary areas of Artificial Intelligence.*

Item S-63.2026-I-2.11	Establishing Post-Doctoral Fellowships (iPDF) in different departments of the institute
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54<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting vide agenda Item S-54.2024-I-2.1, approved the proposal in-principle, and a committee was constituted for suggesting norms for the same, under the Chairmanship of Prof. R. M. Sarviya and with Prof. K. K. Dhote, Prof. S. K. Katiyar and Prof. Rajnish Kurchania as members.

The committee has submitted its recommendations to the office of Dean Academic. The same were presented before the 61<sup>st</sup> Senate meeting vide agenda Item S-61.2025-II-2.18. Accordingly, the advertisement, of selection process for iPDF is prepared. The Senate has approved the proposed guideline with minor corrections. In accordance with the approved process, concept notes from faculty members of the Institute are to be invited, prior to floating the advertisement for the iPDF positions. Following are proposed for approval:

- Corrected recommendation of committee
- Invitation for Concept Note for iPDF
- Approval of Fellowship Amount
- Advertisement for selection process of (PDF) Post-Doctoral Fellow

Annexure -2.11

**Decision:**

*The Senate approved the recommendations of the Committee constituted for suggesting norms for Establishing Post-Doctoral Fellowships (iPDF) in different departments of the institute, with the following modifications:*

- “Institute of repute” to be replaced with “NIRF 100 ranking Institutes”.*
- Students having PhD Degree from MANIT can join without having a 3-year gap after their degree completion.*
- “Guest author” to be replace with “First Author” in SCI/SCIE/SSCI Journals.*

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- iv. *Chairman of selection committee: Director / Nominee.*
- v. *Mentor should have ongoing sponsored project of minimum one crore (single or cumulative) as PI.*
- vi. *Annual progress review of the candidate will be based on quantitative criteria.*

Item S-63.2026-I-2.12	<b>Startup Incubation Policy for Students and Faculty Members [Proposal of MANIT ROLTA Innovation &amp; Incubation Foundation]</b>
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In line with the Government of India's increasing emphasis on promoting startup incubation and entrepreneurship within Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), MANIT ROLTA Innovation & Incubation Foundation (MRIC/MRIIF) propose Incubation Policy for students and faculty members. Such a policy will significantly strengthen the innovation and startup ecosystem at MANIT Bhopal. In this regard, the following provisions are proposed (detailed at Annexure 2.2):

1. Deferred Placement Policy
2. Integration of Academic Projects with Startup Incubation
3. Seed Grant Utilization by New Faculty Members
4. Support to Faculty-Led Startups

The proposal is submitted for kind consideration and approval of the Senate.

Annexure -2.12

**Decision:**

*The Senate approved the proposal and resolved that faculty to be allowed to utilize the share of professional development fund of consultancy project for startup activities, with the prior approval of the competent authority.*

Item S-63.2026-I-2.13	<b>Introduction of P.G. (M. Tech.) Program on Bioinformatics and Approval of Revised Scheme</b>
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As per the direction of the 62<sup>nd</sup> Senate, agenda Item S-62.2025-III-2.7, HOD Biological Science and Engineering has conducted a one-day brainstorming workshop with internal and external subject experts to revise the scheme. The revised proposal is submitted for consideration and approval of Senate.

Annexure -2.13

**Decision:**

*The Senate resolved to defer the proposal for further modifications as discussed and deliberated in the Senate meeting. The modified proposal to be put-up in next Senate for consideration.*

Item S-63.2026-I-2.14	<b>Review of M.Tech. admissions in Last 03 years</b>
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The admission in M. Tech. through CCMT has been reduced in last few years. The status of intake and number of students admitted in last three years are given as Annexure.

Annexure -2.14

**Decision:**

*The Senate deliberated on the matter in detail, and resolved to revise the intake for M.Tech. programs as follows:*

  
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S.No.	Department	Name of Course	Total Available Seats	Admission AY			Approved Intake for AY 26-27
				25-26	24-25	23-24	
1	Architecture & Planning	Urban Planning	21	14	12	17	18
2		Real Estate Planning	10	2	0	1	8
3	BSE	Biotechnology	10	7	10	14	10
4	Chemical Engineering	Chemical Engineering	10	3	0	1	8
5	Civil Engineering	Geotechnical Engineering	21	5	11	8	12
6		Infrastructure Eng. & Construction Mgmt	12	3	0	0	10
7		Environmental Engineering	15	8	12	10	12
8		Structural Engineering	25	23	19	24	25
9		Transportation Engineering	21	11	17	21	15
10		Geo-Informatics & its Applications	10	3	6	5	8
11		Water Resources Eng. and Mgmt	10	1	3	2	8
12	C.E. Product Design	Smart Manufacturing	10	5	2	1	8
13	Centre for AI	Artificial Intelligence	25	25	21	23	25
14	CSE	Information Security	25	25	18	22	25
15		Advanced Computing	25	25	19	26	25
16		Computer Networking	21	21	17	18	21
17	ECE	Communication Systems	12	7	8	6	8
18		VLSI Design & Embedded System	25	24	20	22	25
19	Electrical Engineering	Integrated Power System	12	4	6	0	8
20		Power Electronics and Drives	15	12	11	6	18
21	Energy Centre	Renewable Energy	10	2	3	4	8
22	Materials & ME	Material Science & Technology	8	0	0	0	-
23	Mechanical Engineering	Thermal Engineering	12	2	7	2	8
24		Machine Design	15	2	1	3	8
25		Automation & Robotics	15	12	11	13	15
26	Mathematics & Bioinformatics	Industrial Eng. & Management	12	9	8	2	12
27		Bioinformatics	8	8	4	1	8
28		Agile Software Engineering	18	17	17	10	18
29	Physics	Nano Technology	8	0	3	0	-
	<b>Total</b>		<b>441</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>374</b>

*The Senate also resolved that the above revision in seat intake is a temporary measure and shall be reviewed in the coming years, depending upon the admissions in various programmes.*

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Item S-63.2026-I-2.15	Proposal for development of a Smart Manufacturing Centre in M.A.N.I.T, Bhopal
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Proposal for development of a Smart Manufacturing Centre in M.A.N.I.T, Bhopal

Objectives:

- To develop a smart manufacturing centre with advanced laboratories to impart theory as well as practical knowledge in the area of smart manufacturing in students, faculty, industry personnel, and start-up entrepreneurs through postgraduate and Ph.D. level research programs.
- To offer hands on training and knowledge transfer to students, faculty, and industry personnel through projects, hackathons, certificate courses, Internships, Workshops, STTPs, Conferences etc.
- To facilitate industry-academia collaboration through invited lectures, joint projects, Industry oriented training and up-skilling programs, collaborative research, etc.

Requirement: 15 faculty members from various participating departments, 2 Guest/Adjunct faculty members, 5 to 6 technical staff to manage ten laboratories, a space of 11,000 sq.ft. area, and funding of Rs.30 crores are required for this purpose.

Expected Outcome: Four months courses, Six months courses, Workshops, STTPs, International Conferences, Hackathons, Sponsored research projects, Consultancy, New Products and patents. It is expected to generate a revenue of Rs.25,00,000/- per year.

*Annexure -2.15*

**Decision:**

***The Senate resolved to merge the Centre with Department of Mechanical Engineering and make it multi-disciplinary in line with Centre of AI.***

Item S-63.2026-I-2.16	Mandatory Data Upload on Website for Faculty Annual Performance Report and PhD Students' Progress Report
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At present, data is collected every year from different Heads of Departments, Centres, Deans' offices and different sections. This process is highly fragmented, time-consuming, and often results in incomplete data submission. Frequent requests for the same data also cause avoidable inconvenience to Heads of Departments and faculty members, while making the task of the data collection team increasingly complex and inefficient.

To address these challenges, it is proposed to develop a systematic and decentralized mechanism for data upload through departmental, centre, and office webpages.

*Annexure -2.16*

**Decision:**

***The Senate resolved that the matter be taken up on Samarth Portal.***

  
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**SECTION-3**  
**Any Other Point**  
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<b>Item S-63.2026-I-3.1</b>	<b>Result with status Not Clear / Withheld</b>
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As per the UG/PG Ordinance 2024, there is no provision for declaring results as Not Clear (NC) or Withheld (WH), even if the SGPA/CGPA is less than 5.0/5.5 except for final semester. However, for results declared during the Academic Year 2024-2025 and the Odd Semester of Academic Year 2025-2026, the result of such cases were declared with the status Not Clear / Withheld.

The results of the Odd Semester of Academic Year 2025-2026 have now been corrected with the due approval of the Chairman, Senate and previously declared results of Academic Year 2024-2025 will be examined and corrected accordingly. This is for information of Senate.

Henceforth, all results will be processed in compliance with the relevant UG / PG Ordinance.

*Annexure -3.1*

**Decision:**

***The Senate noted the correction in results with the status "Not Clear/ Withheld."***

<b>Item S-63.2026-I-3.2</b>	<b>Request for Early PhD Thesis Submission</b>
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Mr. Rahul Haripriya, Full Time PhD Scholar (Scholar No. 2331201004); Department of Computer Science Engineering has requested to submit early PhD Thesis.

*Annexure -3.2*

**Decision:**

***The Senate accepted the request made by Mr. Rahul Haripriya, Full Time PhD Scholar (Scholar No. 2331201004), Department of Computer Science Engineering, for early submission of his Ph.D. Thesis.***

***The Senate resolved to reduce the minimum duration of PhD Thesis submission to two years for full-time & part-time project categories, and three years for part-time candidates, subject to fulfilment of research objectives.***

<b>Item S-63.2026-I-3.3</b>	<b>Addition of Co-supervisor to PhD Scholars from Department of Management Studies, Department of Humanities &amp; Social Science and Department of MBC</b>
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- a. Mr. Bhupendra Singh Jatav, Part Time PhD Scholar (Scholar No. 24321012104), Department of Management Studies has requested to add Dr. Gyaneshwar Singh Kushwaha, Associate Professor, Department of Management Studies as Co-supervisor.
- b. Request received from Department of Humanities & Social Science, Mr. Sushank Bhojak, Full Time PhD Scholar (Scholar No. 24303011102), wants to add Dr. Ashish Gupta, Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities & Social Science as Co-supervisor.

  
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- c. Request received from Department of Humanities & Social Science, Mr. Shivam Shukla, Part Time PhD Scholar (Scholar No. 25303012110), wants to add Dr. Ashish Gupta, Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities & Social Science as Co-supervisor (Date of Admission: 5<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2025).
- d. Mr. Verendra Singh Kharkwal, Full Time PhD Scholar (Scholar No. 223113002), Department of Electrical Engineering has requested to allot new PhD Supervisor Dr N. P. Patidar, Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering as his current PhD supervisor, Dr. S. C. Gupta, Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, retired on 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2026. Dr. S. C. Gupta will act as Co-supervisor. Both supervisors have given their consent.

Annexure -3.3

**Decision:**

*The Senate approved the addition of Co-supervisor for 'a', 'b' and 'c'. The Senate also resolved that for 'd' Prof. N.P. Patidar will act as Supervisor and Dr. S. C. Gupta will act as Co-supervisor, and also the candidate will not be allowed to submit the thesis within one year after the addition of co-supervisor.*

Item S-63.2026-I-3.4	Information for reprinted Degree List
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One Degree certificate of Student was reprinted due to student's name correction, annexure enclosed

Annexure -3.4

**Decision:**

*The Senate noted that one student, as per the details given below, has submitted a request for correction in name, and he has been issued the corrected degree, as per the enclosed annexure.*

Name, Sch. No. and Programme	Degree No. and date of issue	Correction requested	Name, Sch. No. and Programme in the corrected degree	Corrected Degree No. and date of issue
Uzma Ansari 91112009 B.Tech.(CSE)	18440 .....	Candidate's Name Correction	Uzma Mohammed Akhtar 91112009 B.Tech.(CSE)	47231 02.12.2025

Item S-63.2026-I-3.5	Nomination of Senate nominee for the faculty selection
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The matter was put up as a tabled agenda, considering the ongoing process of faculty selection. In its 60<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 23.04.2025, the Senate authorized the Chairman of the Senate to nominate "Senate Nominees" in the selection committee, for the faculty selection, as per Statutes.

Annexure Nil

**Decision:**

*The Senate agreed with the proposal and authorized the Chairman of the Senate to nominate "Senate Nominee" for the faculty selection.*

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