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MINUTES OF 236th MEETING OF THE SENATE HELD ON 19th NOVEMBER 2025 AT 03:00 PM IN THE SENATE ROOM

The 236th Meeting of the Senate was held on 19th November 2025 at 03:00 pm in the Senate Room. Names of Members/Special Invitees, who attended the meeting, are given in **[Appendix – A].**

Due to non-availability of the quorum, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m. and reconvened at 3:10 p.m.

At the outset, the Chairperson Senate thanked the outgoing Members/Special Invitees for their valuable contributions to the Senate and welcomed the new Member/Special Invitees. The list of incoming and outgoing Members/Special Invitees is given at **Appendix B.**

Item No. 1: Confirmation of minutes of 235th meeting of the Senate held on 27.08.2025

The minutes of the 235th meeting of the Senate held on 27th August 2025 were confirmed

Item No. 2: Action Taken Report on previous meetings of the Senate

The action taken on the following matters of the previous meetings of Senate was presented in the meeting:

(i) To consider the proposal for Joint Degree Programmes(s) between IIT Delhi and Sorbonne University, Paris, France

The Senate was informed that the proposal for the Joint Degree Programme was approved by the Board in its 222nd meeting held on 31.07.2025. Further, the proposal for determining common CGPA for M.Sc. programme was presented to the Senate.

After discussion, the Senate approved the following :

(a) Sorbonne University (SU) and IIT Delhi (IITD) will issue transcripts providing grades and CGPA for the courses completed at the respective Institutions. Both Institution will also maintain record of the transcripts issued by each other so as to facilitate verification and attestation by each Institute.

(b) The KSBS DRC will prepare a learning agreement for each student. Credits earned at SU will be transferred to IIT Delhi as per 5 ECTS = 3 IIT Delhi credits. Similarly, SU will prepare a learning agreement for each student, and credits earned at IIT Delhi will be transferred to SU with as per 3 IIT Delhi credits = 5 ECTS.

(c) The provisions of equivalence of credits and maintaining & attestation of transcripts should be included in the MoU.

(ii) To consider a revised Joint Degree Policy

The Senate was informed that as per the decision taken in the last meeting the detailed guidelines and implementation policy for the Joint Degree Policy were circulated to the members, and no comments were received.

The Senate approved the guidelines and the implementation policy.

(iii) To consider redefining the cumulative grade point average.

The Senate was informed that the proposal was approved in the last meeting and it was suggested that the possible impact of this redefinition of CGPA on different policies, benefits and incentives may be discussed by a Committee and be brought to the Senate later.

It was informed that the Committee has been constituted in this regard. The report of the Committee will be submitted shortly.

Item No. 3: To consider modifying the eligibility criteria for M.Tech. /MSR programme

It was informed that the Senate in its 233rd meeting decided to accept the four-year BS degree as an entry for the PhD. programmes at IIT Delhi provided that it is a four–year BS program (in person). In this regard, the eligibility criteria for M.Tech/MSR programmes of other IITs were examined and it was found that the four-year BSc/BS degree is considered equivalent to B.Tech./BE for the admission to M.Tech/MSR programmes, provided GATE is qualified.

It was further informed that the BAP had considered the proposal for including the four-year BSc/BS degrees in the Institute minimum eligibility criteria M.Tech./MSR programmes. It was decided that, AUs may set a higher criterion in this regard, while deciding the shortlisting criteria for their M.Tech/MSR programmes. Accordingly, the BAP recommended the following to the Senate:

(a) The minimum eligibility for admission to Ph.D., M.Tech, and MS(R) programs at IIT Delhi shall be a minimum four-year undergraduate program pursued in person after completion of Class 12 (e.g. B.E./B.Tech. /BS/B.Sc. or equivalent degrees).

(b) Academic Units (AUs) will retain the flexibility to define and apply higher shortlisting criteria as per their specific requirements and existing practices.

After detailed deliberations, the Senate approved the recommendations of the BAP. It was also suggested to explore the feasibility of including online degrees in future. Accordingly, it was decided to constitute a Committee to examine this possibility.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025/236/1:	RESOLVED THAT the following recommendations of the BAP regarding the eligibility criteria for M.Tech.,MSR, and PhD programme, be approved: (a) The minimum eligibility for admission to Ph.D., M.Tech., and MS(R) programs at IIT Delhi shall be a minimum four-year undergraduate program pursued in person after completion of Class 12 (e.g. B.E./B.Tech. /BS/B.Sc. or equivalent degrees). (b) Academic Units (AUs) will retain the flexibility to define and apply higher shortlisting criteria as per their specific requirements and existing practices**.**

Item No. 4: To consider the National Eligibility Test (NET) as an Entrance Test for Admission to Ph.D

The Senate was informed that a letter was received from the UGC dated 28th March 2024, requesting the Higher Education Institutes to utilize the NET score for admission to Ph.D. Programmes instead of conducing their entrance test. The UGC in its letter under reference informed about introduction of a new category i.e., **Category-3**, which was earlier not part of the eligibility criteria for admission to Ph.D. programmes. The proposal was presented in the BAP meeting. After discussion, the proposal was recommended to the Senate.

The Senate discussed the matter in detail. After deliberations, the following recommendations of the BAP were approved by the Senate with some modifications, as below:

(a) Category-2 and Category-3 eligibility should be included as part of the minimum Institute criteria for admission to Ph.D. programs. However, the Academic Units must ensure the quality of candidates preferably by conducting a written test for shortlisted candidates for such candidates.

(b) Academic Units (AUs) may adopt a higher NET eligibility category or a specified NET Score, for shortlisting applicants to their Ph.D. programs, as per their academic requirements and practices.

(c) Candidates with Category-2 and Category-3 NET qualification selected as full-time students will be eligible for institute or project assistantship as per the recommendation of DRC/CRC/ScRC.

It was further decided that an agenda regarding self-financing PhD students be presented to the Senate in a subsequent meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025/236/2:	RESOLVED THAT the following recommendations of the BAP regarding the National Eligibility Test (NET) as an Entrance Test for Admission to Ph.D. programs, be approved, with some modifications, as below: (a) Category-2 and Category-3 eligibility should be included as part of the minimum Institute criteria for admission to Ph.D. programs. However, the Academic Units must ensure the quality of candidates preferably by conducting a written test for shortlisting of such candidates. (b) Academic Units (AUs) may adopt a higher NET eligibility category or a specified NET Score, for shortlisting applicants to their Ph.D. programs, as per their academic requirements and practices. (c) Candidates with Category-2 and Category-3 NET qualification selected as full-time students will be eligible for institute or project assistantship as per the recommendation of DRC/CRC/ScRC.

Item No. 5: To consider guidelines for institute assistantship to PhD students submitting their theses before five years from registration

The Senate considered the recommendations of the BAP to consider guidelines for institute assistantship to PhD students submitting their theses before five years from registration. After detailed deliberations, the following recommendations of the BAP were approved by the Senate, with minor modifications, as below:

a) The teaching assistantship may be continued up to the *earlier* of the following:
   i. Completion of five years from the date of initial registration,
   ii. Six months from the date of thesis submission*
   iii. The date of the viva-voce examination*.

   *(*upto five years from the date of initial registration)*

b) A student availing this extension would provide an undertaking, routed through the AURC, that:
   i. their commitment to the assigned duties and acknowledging the conditions under which the assistantship is withdrawn
   ii. they have no other source of income during the extension tenure

c) Hostel accommodation would be subject to the rules decided by the appropriate authority at the time of the award.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025/236/3:	RESOLVED THAT the following recommendations of the BAP to consider guidelines for institute assistantship to PhD students submitting their theses five years before registration, be approved, with minor modifications, as below: a) The teaching assistantship may be continued up to the earlier of the following: i. Completion of five years from the date of initial registration, ii. Six months from the date of thesis submission* iii. The date of the viva-voce examination*. *(*upto five years from the date of initial registration)* b) A student availing this extension would provide an undertaking, routed through the AURC, that: i. their commitment to the assigned duties and acknowledging the conditions under which the assistantship is withdrawn ii. they have no other source of income during the extension tenure c) Hostel accommodation would be subject to the rules decided by the appropriate authority at the time of the award.

Item No. 6: To consider the concept note for the SSW basket and the criteria for a course to be listed as an SSW course

The Senate was informed that as per the decision taken in the 232nd meeting of the Senate, held on 26th March 2025, the Director had constituted a Committee to approve courses for Self, Society, World category and to formulate the rationale and definition of the SSW category. The Committee met several times and submitted the final proposal for the consideration of the BAP. The BAP had considered the proposal and recommended the revised concept note of the Self and Society World (SSW) basket, incorporating feedback received from the Academic Units, for approval of the Senate.

The matter was discussed in detail. After detailed discussion, the Senate approved the concept note of the Self, Society, and World (SSW) basket as recommended by the BAP. It was suggested that the Committee may co-opt members from other Academic Units to enhance flexibility. Further, the Senators were requested to share their inputs to the Committee.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025/236/4:	RESOLVED THAT the concept note of the Self, Society, and World (SSW) basket as recommended by the BAP, be approved.

Item No 7: Proposed changes to admission processes for admissions 2026 for IITD-AD

The Senate was informed that an admissions Committee was constituted by the Director to review the admission criteria for IITD-AD for the academic year 2025-26. The recommendations of the Committee were presented to the VCSC in its 16th meeting held on 26th September 2025. The VCSC recommended the proposal to the Senate.

After deliberation, the Senate approved the recommendation of the VCSC regarding the revised admission criteria for the academic year 2025-26 as given at **Appendix 1.**

RESOLUTION NO. 2025/236/5:	RESOLVED THAT the recommendation of the VCSC regarding the revised admission criteria (inclusive of the seat matrix) for the academic year 2025-26 as given at **Appendix 1**, be approved**.**

Item No 8: Proposed academic programs for AY 2026-27 at IITD-AD

The Senate was informed that the proposal to start new academic programmes for the year 2026-27 at IIT Delhi – Abu Dhabi was presented to the VCSC in its 16th meeting held on 26th September 2025. After discussion, the VCSC recommended to start one UG programme in B.Tech in Electrical Engineering (single program incorporating elements of the EE1 and EE3 programs) and two Ph.D. programmes (one in Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence, and the other in Natural Sciences). The VCSC also recommended the launch of MINDS M. Tech. program in AY 2026-27, subject to concurrence and a renewed confirmation from the Yardi School of Artificial Intelligence.

The matter was discussed in detail. After deliberations, the Senate recommended the following to the BoG:

1. To start one UG programme, i.e. B.Tech. in Electrical Engineering domain (single programme with multiple streams) with student intake of 35. Curricular details of the programme will be worked out by a Committee that will be set up for the purpose and processed for approval by following due procedures.

2. Two Ph.D. programmes to be started in AY 2026-27: one in Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence, and other in Natural Sciences (with maximum capacity of 20 seats each for AY 2026-27). Natural Sciences is to include disciplines like Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics, Environmental Sciences etc. Since the Commission for Academic

Accreditation (CAA), UAE government, requires programs Ph.D. programs to have formal names (unlike IIT Delhi's practice), it was decided that a broad-based baskets for the proposed PhD programs be considered.

Further, after discussion, the Senate also gave in-principle approval for starting Ph.D. programmes at IITD-AD in any discipline. Henceforth, the need and timing for launching a PhD program, along with its structure and modalities, will be finalized by the VCSC, and approval granted by Chairperson, Senate. The matter would subsequently be reported to the Senate.

It was also decided to start the M.Tech. in Machine Intelligence & Data Science (MINDS) from the AY 2026-27. It was noted that the programme has already been approved by the Senate and the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025/236/6:	RESOLVED THAT the following recommendations of the VCSC regarding starting the new academic programs at IITD-AD from the AY 2026-27, be recommended to the BoG: 1. To start one UG programme i.e. B. Tech. in Electrical Engineering domain (single programme with multiple streams) with student intake of 35. 2. Two Ph.D. programmes to be started in AY 2026-27: one in Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence, and other in Natural Sciences (with maximum capacity of 20 seats each for AY 2026-27). Natural Sciences is to include disciplines like Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics, Environmental Sciences etc. RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the launch of the MINDS program, which was earlier approved by the Senate and the Board, be confirmed for AY 2026-27. In-principle approval be given for starting Ph.D. programmes at IITD-AD in any discipline. The detailed structure and modalities of the programmes will be finalized by the VCSC, and approval granted by Chairperson, Senate. The matter would subsequently be reported to the Senate.

Item No 9: To consider the proposal of Convocation for IITD-AD

The Senate was informed that the VCSC in its 17th meeting held on 7th November 2025 recommended that a separate Convocation be held for the IITD-AD, to provide the required

identity to the graduating students, while also preserving the traditions and ethos of IIT Delhi. It was also recommended by the VCSC that the first Convocation of IITD-AD be held early in 2026, possibly in January 2026. The Senate was informed that the momentous event of the first Convocation in January 2026 will mark the graduation of the inaugural batch of MTech students in Energy Transition and Sustainability.

After deliberations, the Senate approved the recommendations of the VCSC to hold a separate Convocation for the IITD-AD.

The Senate also deliberated on the draft degree format for the IITD-AD as recommended by the VCSC. The matter was discussed in detail. Members suggested checking the Hindi translation on the degree. After discussion, the draft degree format, with suggested changes, was approved by the Senate. The revised degree format is given at **Appendix 2.** Chairperson, Senate is authorised to approve any further minor changes that may be needed in the degree format as the final aesthetic design evolves.

The Senate also recommended to the BoG the adoption of the IITD-AD logo as the official seal of the IITD-AD, for official purposes such as award of the degree.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025/236/7:	RESOLVED THAT the following recommendations of the VCSC be approved: a) To hold a separate Convocation for the IITD-AD. b) The revised degree format for IITD-AD as given in **Appendix 2.** RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the proposal for adopting the logo of IITD-AD as the official seal of the IITD-AD, be recommended to the Board of Governors.

Item No. 10: Reporting Items

(i) Semester Schedules for the Semester II, 2025-26 & Semester 1, 2026-27

The Senate noted the Semester schedules for the Semester II, 2025-26 & Semester 1, 2026-27.

(ii) To report the Minutes of the Meetings of BERP, BAP & ECS

The Senate noted the minutes of the BAP, BERP and ECS meetings.

(iii) To include list of courses as Program Electives in the JRB, JTM and JCS programmes

The Senate noted the approval accorded by the Dean, Academics for inclusion of list of courses given at **Appendix 3** as Program Electives in the JRB, JTM and JCS programmes.

(iv) To consider finalized programme templates on Courses website

The Senate noted the programme templates for the following programmes added on the courses.iitd.ac.in website:

UG Programmes (B.Tech./Dual/BS/B.Des.: 20 in total)	
CH1	B.Tech. in Chemical Engineering
CH7	B.Tech. and M.Tech. in Chemical Engineering
CS1	B.Tech. in Computer Science and Engineering
CS5	B.Tech. and M.Tech. in Computer Science and Engineering
PH1	B.Tech. in Engineering Physics

M.Tech. Programmes (42 in total)	
AIB	M.Tech. in Machine Intelligence and Data Science
CHE	M.Tech. in Chemical Engineering
JOP	M.Tech. in Optoelectronics and Optical Communication
PHA	M.Tech. in Applied Optics and Quantum Photonics
PHM	M.Tech. in Solid State and Quantum Materials

M.Sc. Programmes (6 in total)	
BLS	M.Sc. in Biological Sciences
PHS	M.Sc. in Physics

The Chairperson thanked the members and special invitees for attending the meeting.

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कार्यवृत्त की एक प्रतिलिपि [236वी बैठक दिनांक 19 नवंबर 2025], सीनेट के सभी सदस्यों की जानकारी और रिकॉर्ड के पक्ष में भेजी जाती है। सदस्यों से अनुरोध है कि कृपया अपनी टिप्पणियाँ/प्रतिक्रिया, यदि कोई हो, यथाशीघ्र भेजे।

A copy of the Minutes [236th meeting dated 19th November 2025], is forwarded for favour of information and records of all Members of the Senate. Members are requested to kindly offer their comments/feedback, if any, at the earliest.

यदि 16.12.2025 तक कोई टिप्पणी प्राप्त नहीं होती है, तो यह माना जाएगा कि आप रिकॉर्ड किए गए कार्यवृत्त को अनुमोदित करते हैं।

If no comments are received by 16.12.2025, it will be presumed that they have no comments to offer and they approve of the minutes, as recorded.

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To:

All Members of the Senate / Special Invitees