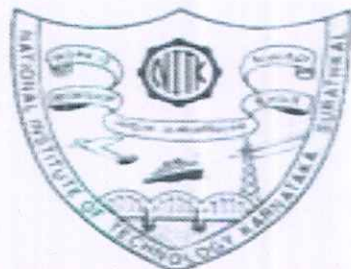


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MINUTES OF THE 42nd Meeting of BOARD OF STUDIES

Date : 15-10-2025 (Wednesday)

Time : 3:00 PM

**Venue : CCMT Hall
N.I.T.K., Surathkal**

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**Minutes of the Forty Second combined Board of Studies
(UG, PG & Research) meeting held on Wednesday, 15th October
2025 in CCMT Hall, NITK Surathkal.**

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MEMBERS PRESENT

1)	Dr. Dwarakish G.S.	...	Chairman
2)	Dr. Subhash Yaragal	...	Dy. Director (Special Invitee)
3)	Dr. Deepti P.P	...	External Member (Online mode)
4)	Dr. Udaya Bhat	...	Member
5)	Dr. Laxminidhi T.	...	Member
6)	Dr. M. Govinda Raj	...	Member
7)	Dr. B. Prasanna	...	Member
8)	Dr. Venkatesh Perumal	...	Member
9)	Dr. G.N. Kumar	...	Member
10)	Dr. Vasudev M.	...	Member
11)	Dr. Vinatha U.	...	Member
12)	Dr. Arun M.	...	Member
13)	Dr. Udaya Kumar Dalimba	...	Special Invitee
14)	Dr. K.V. Gangadharan	...	Special Invitee
15)	Dr. Annappa	...	Special Invitee
16)	Dr. Ramehs Kini M.	...	Member
17)	Dr. Debashish Jena	...	Member
18)	Dr. I. Regupathi	...	Member
19)	Dr. S.M. Murigendrappa	...	Member
20)	Dr. Ramesh H.	...	Member
21)	Dr. Sam Johnson	...	Member
22)	Dr. B.R. Chandavarkar	...	Member
23)	Dr. Darshak Trivedi	...	Member
24)	Dr. Rithanjali Mahji	...	Member
25)	Dr. Geetha V	...	Member
26)	Dr. Kum Kum Banerjee	...	Member
27)	Dr. Karthik Taraffdar	...	Member
28)	Dr. Basavaraj Manu	...	Member
29)	Dr. Mallikarjun Angadi	...	Member
30)	Ms. Sandhya, AR (Academic)	...	Secretary

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**Minutes of Forty Second (42nd) BOS meeting held on
15-10-2025 (Wednesday) at 3.00 pm in CCMT Hall.**

The Chairman (BOS) welcomed all the members to the Forty Second BOS meeting.

ITEM No. 42-BOS-A: Confirmation of minutes of 41st meeting of the BOS held on 21st March, 2025 at 3.00 pm in CCMT Hall.

The minutes of **Forty First BOS** meeting was approved as there were no comments received from the members.

ITEM No.: 42-BOS-1 PROPOSAL OF CHAIRMAN, CAREER AND CURRICULUM REVISION COMMITTEE		
(a) Proposed B.Tech Curriculum Structure.		
Proposal	BOS Resolution	For Senate approval
The Chairman, Career and Curriculum Revision Committee has proposed to discuss on the implementation of B.Tech Curriculum Structure 2026 to be implemented from the academic year 2026-27.	The Chairperson of the Curriculum committee briefed about the salient features of the curriculum designed in line with NEP 2020. The proposed curriculum emphasizes practice-oriented education that will provide more placement opportunities for the students. One of the external BOS members, Prof. Deepthi P.P., from NIT Calicut, appreciated the new practice-oriented curriculum structure. She welcomed the flexibility given to the departments in choosing the departmental and open electives. The concerns and opinions raised by the departments are as follows.	

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Civil Engineering:

The department raised concerns in the reduction of core courses in the sixth semester. The department also suggested that flexibility may be given to register for core courses in the later semesters.

Chemical Engineering:

The HOD conveyed that the credits for project/ internship [27 credits] is very high. A significant amount of time and resources are required to complete a nine-credit project. It was suggested to give flexibility to the departments to modify the project credits and to redistribute the credits to the core courses.

Electronics & Communication Engineering:

The department also expressed their concerns about the reduced number of core courses. The department highlighted that the number of credits for core courses came down to 48 from 75 credits in the previous version of the curriculum.

Electrical & Electronics Engineering

The HOD suggested that instead of reducing the core credits, the total number of credits may be raised to 160

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	as the NEP mandates an ideal total number of credits between 150 and 160. Mechanical Engineering The HOD conveyed that the department is flexible to adopt the new curriculum structure. Metallurgical & Materials Engineering The department suggested that the number of core courses should be increased, and 27 credits allotted for projects/ internships are very high. The department also suggested that the duration of the lab courses can be three hours. The department is flexible to adopt the new curriculum structure. Mining Engineering The department raised their concerns about the higher number of credits for the projects. The HOD also conveyed that the department should teach a certain number of core courses for the program. It was suggested to give flexibility to the departments to modify the project credits and redistribute the credits to the core courses. The department is flexible to adopt the new curriculum structure.	
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Information Technology

The department suggested to increase the number of core courses in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th semesters. The theory to lab credits distribution should be decided by the department. The departments should be able to decide the range of credits for projects/ internships.

Computer Science and Engineering

The HOD conveyed that the percentage of credits for theory, lab and electives came down significantly and the credits percentage for internships and projects became significantly higher. The department also expressed their concern that the students may find it difficult to complete the minor courses and internships together.

Chemistry

The department accepted the revised framework.

Physics

The department accepted the revised framework.

Mathematics

The department conveyed that the number of credits to be taught by the department has significantly reduced. It was also suggested to reduce the credits for the project from 9 to 3. The department also raised their concerns

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	about 25 credits assigned to co-curricular activities. School of Humanities, Social Sciences & Management The department conveyed their concerns about the lack of professional communication, ethics and management courses. Water Resources & Ocean Engineering The department raised their concerns about the reduced core and elective courses. The HOD expressed that the student may face difficulties in preparing for national level examinations such as GATE, Engineering Services exam and other UPSC examinations. The Chairperson, Curriculum committee addressed the concerns of the departments. He conveyed that the departments have the freedom to decide the core and elective course distribution. The BOS recommended the curriculum framework for in principle approval. The curriculum may be suitably modified with the inputs from the departments.	
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**ITEM No.: 42-BOS-2 PROPOSALS OF DEPARTMENT OF
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING**

(a) Inclusion of a self-study course for Ph.D and M.Tech (Research)

Proposal	BOS Resolution	For Senate approval
The DFC of the Department of Chemical Engineering has proposed to include the following self-study course for Ph.D and M.Tech (Research) Programme in Chemical Engineering curriculum. CH913: Sustainable Agricultural Soil Management (3-0-0)3 The details are attached as Annexure-I	The BOS resolved to recommend the proposal of the DFC of the Department of Chemical Engineering for the inclusion of the self-study course.	

**ITEM NO.: 42-BOS-3: PROPOSALS OF DEPARTMENT OF
COMPUTER SCIENCE AND
ENGINEERING**

(a) Inclusion of new elective courses for B.Tech CSE.

Proposal	BOS Resolution	For Senate approval
The DFC of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering has proposed to include the following new elective courses for B.Tech-CSE. CS374: Algorithmic Learning Theory (3-1-0)4 CS375: Vision-Language Models (3-1-0)4 The details are provided in Annexure – II.	The BOS resolved to recommend the proposal of the DFC of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering for the inclusion of the new elective courses for B.Tech-CSE.	

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(b) Inclusion of open electives for M.Tech CSE & CSE-IS.		
Proposal	BOS Resolution	For Senate approval
The DFC of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering has proposed to include the following open electives for M.Tech CSE & CSE-IS. CS744 : Generative Artificial Intelligence (3-1-0)4 CS745 : Randomness and Computation (3-1-0)4 The details are provided in Annexure – II.	The BOS resolved to recommend the proposal of the DFC of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering for the inclusion of the new elective courses for M.Tech CSE & CSE-IS.	

(c) Inclusion of self-study course for Ph.D/M.Tech (R)		
Proposal	BOS Resolution	For Senate approval
The DFC of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering has proposed to include the following Self-Study course for Ph.D/M.Tech(R) programme. CS933: Discrete Optimization (3-1-0)4 The details are provided in Annexure – II.	The BOS resolved to recommend the proposal of the DFC of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering for the inclusion of the Self-Study course for Ph.D/M.Tech(R) programme.	

**ITEM No: 42-BOS 4: PROPOSALS OF DEPARTMENT OF
ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATION
ENGINEERING**

(a) To update the M.Tech Curriculum for VLSI Design, CEN and SPML Programme.

Proposal	BOS Resolution	For Senate approval
The DFC of the Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering has proposed to update the M.Tech Curriculum for M.Tech in	The BOS resolved to recommend the proposal of the Department of Electronics and	

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VLSI Design, M.Tech in Communication Engineering and Networks (CEN) and M.Tech in Signal Processing and Machine Learning (SPML). The department has conducted the workshop calling experts from academia and industry. The details are provided in Annexure - III.	Communication Engg. to update the M.Tech curriculum of VLSI Design, CEN and SPML.	
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**ITEM No: 42-BOS 5: PROPOSALS OF DEPARTMENT OF
INFORMAITON TECHNOLOGY**

(a) Minor changes in the programme core course contents of B.Tech (AI)

Proposal	BOS Resolution	
The DFC of the Department of Information Technology has proposed for the minor change in the course contents of the following courses of B.Tech (AI). IT207 : Human Intelligence (3-0-0)3 IT304 : Optimization Techniques (3-0-2)4 The details are provided in Annexure - IV.	The BOS resolved to recommend the proposal of the Department of Information Technology to change the course contents of B.Tech (AI) courses.	For Senate approval

(b) Distribution of seats among B.Tech (IT) and B.Tech (AI)

Proposal	BOS Resolution	
The DFC of the Department of Information Technology has proposed to distribute the admission of number of students with equal strength for B.Tech (IT) and B.Tech (AI) - 71 and 70	The BOS resolved to recommend the proposal of the Department of Information Technology	For Senate approval

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respectively applicable from 2026-27
batch onwards.

(c) Introduce a new self-study course for M.Tech (Research) and Ph.D programme

Proposal	BOS Resolution	
The DFC of the Department of Information Technology has proposed to introduce the following new self-study course for M.Tech (Research) and Ph.D Programme in Information Technology. IT937: Post Quantum Cryptography The details are provided in Annexure – IV.	The BOS resolved to recommend the proposal of the Department of Information Technology To introduce the new self-study course.	For Senate approval

ITEM No: 42-BOS 6: PROPOSALS OF DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICAL AND COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCES

(a) Change of Syllabus and credit in Ph.D 900 level courses.

Proposal	BOS Resolution	
The DFC of the department of Mathematical and Computational Sciences (MACS) has proposed to change the syllabus and credit from 3 to 4 in the following 900 level courses. MA903 : Life Testing and Reliability Estimation (4-0-0)4 MA909: Stochastic Processes, Queueing Theory & Reliability (4-0-0)4 MA924: Analysis & Design of Algorithms (4-0-0)4 MA936 : Topology (4-0-0)4 MA937 : Functional Analysis (4-0-0)4	The BOS resolved to recommend the proposal of the DFC of the Department of Mathematical and Computational Sciences to change the syllabus and credit from 3 to 4 in the 900 level courses.	For Senate approval

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MA938 : Operator Theory (4-0-0)4

The details are provided in **Annexure – V**

(b) Replacement for the core course MA727 Advanced Data Science to M.Tech (CDS)

Proposal	BOS Resolution	For Senate approval
The DFC of the department of Mathematical and Computational Sciences (MACS) has proposed to replacement for the core course “MA727 Advanced Data Science (3-0-0)3 to the following M.Tech (CDS) course. MA727: Data Analytics and Visualization (3-0-0)3 The details are provided in Annexure – V.	The BOS resolved to recommend the proposal of the DFC of the Department of Mathematical and Computational Sciences for the replacement of the core course “MA727 Advanced Data Science (3-0-0)3 to M.Tech (CDS) course.	

ITEM No: 42-BOS 7: PROPOSALS OF DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

(a) Introduction of new PG elective course for the M.Tech programme in Mechanical Design.

Proposal	BOS Resolution	Reporting to Senate
The DFC of the department of Mechanical Engineering has proposed to introduce the following new elective course for the PG programme-Mechanical Design. Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning for Engineering Design (3-0-0)3 The details are provided in Annexure – VI.	As PG curriculum will be revised for the next academic year the HOD of Mechanical Engg. has withdrawn the agenda item.	

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(b) Introduction of new elective course for all the PG programmes		
Proposal	BOS Resolution	Reporting to Senate
The DFC of the department of Mechanical Engineering has proposed to introduce the following new elective courses for all the PG programmes. Machine Learning for Engineers (3-0-0)3 Artificial Intelligence for Robotics(3-0-0)3 The details are provided in Annexure – VI.	As PG curriculum will be revised for the next academic year the HOD of Mechanical Engg. has withdrawn the agenda item.	

(c) Modification in course title and content of the course ME867		
Proposal	BOS Resolution	Reporting to Senate
The DFC of the department of Mechanical Engineering has proposed to modify the course title and content of the existing course code ME867. Existing Course Title: Product Design and Development (3-0-0)3 Modified Course Title: Product Design and Life Cycle Management (2-0-2)3 The details are provided in Annexure – VI.	As PG curriculum will be revised for the next academic year the HOD of Mechanical Engg. has withdrawn the agenda item.	

(d) Introduction of new elective course for 4th year B.Tech in Mechanical Engineering		
Proposal	BOS Resolution	For Senate approval
The DFC of the department of Mechanical Engineering has	The BOS resolved to recommend the proposal	

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proposed to introduce the following new elective courses for the 4th year B.Tech in Mechanical Engineering. Materials Selection for Design and Manufacturing (3-0-0)3 Human Robot Systems (3-0-0)3 The details are provided in Annexure – VI.	of the DFC of the Department of Mechanical Engineering for the introduction of new elective course for 4th year B.Tech in Mechanical Engineering	
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ITEM No: 42-BOS 8: PROPOSALS OF DEPARTMENT OF METALLURGICAL AND MATERIALS ENGINEERING

(a) Title change for the Minor Project course MT871 PG programme

Proposal	BOS Resolution	
The DFC of the department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering has proposed to change the title for the following course for Nano Technology PG programme. MT871: ‘Minor Project’ Course to MT871: ‘Minor Project/Practical Training’ The DFC resolution annexed as Annexure – VII.	The BOS resolved to recommend the proposal of the DFC of the Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering for the title change of the Minor project course MT871 PG programme.	For Senate approval

(b) Minimum CGPA requirement for an Offline Internship in the MME-B.Tech 8th semester as part of the Major Project course (MT442).

Proposal	BOS Resolution	
The DFC of the department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering has proposed to omit the requirement for minimum CGPA for an offline internship in the	The BOS opined that this issue may be resolved at the department level.	Reporting to Senate

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MME-B.Tech 8th semester as part of 'Major Project' course (MT442) to permit the students to have a choice to undergo internship in a renowned educational Institute or industrial internship through CDC.

The DFC resolution annexed as **Annexure – VII.**

**ITEM No: 42-BOS 9 PROPOSALS OF THE SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES,
SOCIAL SCIENCES AND MANAGEMENT**

(a) Introduction of Minor programme in Entrepreneurship for B.Tech students.

Proposal	BOS Resolution	For Senate approval
The DFC of the School of HSSM has proposed to introduce the Minor programme in Entrepreneurship with the following courses. SM210M: Product Innovation and IPR SM260M: Marketing and Sales SM315M: Finance and Accounting SM360M: Leadership and Ethics SM415M: Business Venture Planning The details are provided in Annexure-VIII.	The BOS resolved to recommend the proposal of the DFC of the Department of School of HSSM to introduce the Minor programme in Entrepreneurship for B.Tech students.	

(b) Inclusion of new open electives in UG programme

Proposal	BOS Resolution	For Senate approval
The DFC of the School of HSSM has proposed to include the following new open elective courses for the UG programme.	The BOS resolved to recommend the proposal of the DFC of the	

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SM464: Comics and Visual Communication (3-0-0)3 SM465: Cognitive Psychology (3-0-0)3 SM466: Introduction to German (3-0-0)3 SM467: Environmental Economics, Policy & Business Practices (3-0-0)3 The details are provided in Annexure-VIII.	Department of School of HSSM to include the new open electives in UG programme.	
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(c) Introduction of new and revised 800 level Ph.D courses.		
Proposal	BOS Resolution	Reporting to Senate
The DFC of the School of HSSM has proposed to introduce the following new and revised 800 series Ph.D level courses in the disciplines of English, Linguistics and Social Sciences. SM884: Current issues in Linguistics SM885: Second Language Acquisition SM886: A Linguistic History of India SM887: Language and Society SM888: Research Methods in Linguistics SM889: Gender Studies SM891: Cultural Studies: Theories Contexts and Practices SM893: Social Psychology and Organizational Psychology	The BOS opined that these courses are not in alignment with the PG course offered by the department and hence these courses can be offered as 900 level courses. Further, BOS resolved to recommend two self study courses for Ph.D students with effect from December 2025 admits.	

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SM894: Research Methods in Psychology SM895 : Indigenous Studies SM896 : Environmental Humanities SM898 : Graphic Medicine SM899 : Comics Studies SM890 : Literary Theory (Earlier SM918) SM892 : Comparative Literature (Earlier SM916) SM897 : Aesthetics (Earlier SM915) The details are provided in Annexure-VIII.		
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(d) Introduction of 900 level courses.		
Proposal	BOS Resolution	For Senate approval
The DFC of the School of HSSM has proposed to introduce the following 900 level courses. SM919 : Psychopathology and Health Psychology SM920 : Cultural Psychology SM921: Introduction to Linguistics SM922: Introduction to Computational Linguistics SM917 : Research Methodology in English Literature (Earlier SM917 - Research Methodology in Literature (course code retained) The details are provided in Annexure-VIII.	The BOS resolved to recommend the proposal of the DFC of the Department of School of HSSM for the introduction of 900 level courses.	

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**ITEM No: 42-BOS 10: PROPOSALS OF DEPARTMENT OF WATER
RESOURCES AND OCEAN ENGINEERING**

(a) To start a new B.Tech Programme in “Water Resources and Ocean Engineering”.

Proposal	BOS Resolution	For Senate approval
The DFC of the department of Water Resources and Ocean Engineering has proposed to start a new UG programme – “B.Tech in Water Resources and Ocean Engineering” from the next academic year 2026-27 which is a unique combination that is not found elsewhere to address the issues of climate change, management of water resources, sea level rise, coastal processes, hydraulic and marine structures, irrigation technologies, dams & reservoirs etc. It deals with theory and laboratory, integrated with a geospatial application to achieve sustainable management of water resources and ocean engineering. The details are provided in Annexure-IX	The BOS resolved to recommend the proposal of the DFC of the Department of Water Resources and Ocean Engineering to start a new B.Tech programme. The members also suggested that a suitable attractive title can be chosen if required.	

**ITEM No: 42-BOS 11: PROPOSALS OF CENTRE FOR
INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (CIDS)**

(a) To offer a Ph.D and M.Tech (Research) programme in Deep Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurship through CIDS.

Proposal	BOS Resolution	For Senate approval
The Associate Faculty Council of CIDS has proposed to offer a Ph.D and M.Tech (Research) programme in “Deep Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurship” from the academic year 2026-27 with a maximum	The BOS resolved to recommend the proposal of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies	

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student intake of 10 as self-financed programme. The details are provided in Annexure-X .	to offer a Self-financed Ph.D and M.Tech (Research) programme in "Deep Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurship" from the AY 2026-27.	
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(b) To offer a M.Tech programme in Innovation and Entrepreneurship (INVENT) through CIDS.

Proposal	BOS Resolution	
The Associate Faculty Council of CIDS has proposed to offer a M.Tech programme in " Innovation and Entrepreneurship (INVENT) " with the student intake of 30 as self-financed programme from the academic year 2026-27. The details are provided in Annexure-X	The BOS resolved not to recommend the proposal of CIDS to offer M.Tech programme in INVENT through CIDS.	Reporting to Senate

ITEM No. 42-BOS-12: INCLUSION OF EXTERNAL ADDITIONAL GUIDE

a) Department of Information Technology

Proposal	BOS Resolution	
The DRPC of the Department of Information Technology has proposed that Dr. Manikantan M.R., Principal Scientist, Indian Council of Agricultural Research – Central Plantation Crops Research Institute to be considered as an additional Research Guide for the Ph.D student Mrs. Suregha K.R. The details are provided in Annexure - XII .	The BOS resolved to consider Dr. Manikantan M.R., Principal Scientist, Indian Council of Agricultural Research – Central Plantation Crops Research Institute to be considered as an additional Research Guide for the Ph.D student Mrs. Suregha K.R.	Reporting to Senate

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(b) School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Management		
Proposal	BOS Resolution	Reporting to Senate
The DRPC of School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Management has proposed that Prof Ganapathi Panda, Professor and Research Advisor at CV Raman Global University, Odisha, Bhubaneshwar to be considered as an additional Research Guide for the Ph.D student Mr. Ashutosh Rath. The details are provided in Annexure-XII.	The BOS resolved to consider Prof Ganapathi Panda, Professor and Research Advisor at CV Raman Global University, Odisha, Bhubaneshwar to be considered as an additional Research Guide for the Ph.D student Mr. Ashutosh Rath.	

(c) Department of Mining Engineering		
Proposal	BOS Resolution	Reporting to Senate
The DFC of the Department of Mining Engineering has proposed that Dr. Sachida Nanda Sahu, Senior Principal Scientist, CSIR-IMMT Bhubaneshwar to be considered as an additional Research Guide for the Ph.D student Mr. Ravindra Babu M. The details are provided in Annexure - XII.	The BOS resolved to consider Dr. Sachida Nanda Sahu, Senior Principal Scientist, CSIR-IMMT Bhubaneshwar to be considered as an additional Research Guide for the Ph.D student Mr. Ravindra Babu M.	

Sandhya
Secretary-BOS, NITK

G. S. Lakshmi
Chairman-BOS-NITK 16.10.25