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The minutes of the 72nd meeting of the Institute Academic Advisory Committee (IAAC)

The aforesaid meeting was held on 24th March 2026, 3:00 pm onwards in the Institute Conference room, first floor, Old Administrative Building. The following members attended the IAAC meeting.

Chairman	
1	Prof. Anupam Shukla, Director
Members	
2	Prof. H. R. Jariwala, Dean (FW) 14 Prof. B.Z. Dholakiya, I/c. Head, DoC
3	Prof. U. D. Dalal, Dean (A&RG) 15 Dr. Y. A. Sonvane, I/c. Head, DoP
4	Prof. M.A. Desai, Dean (R&C) 16 Dr. J. M. Dhodiya, Head, DoM
5	Prof. M.A. Desai, I/c. Dean (SW) 17 Prof. A.K. Panchal, Head, DoMS
6	Prof. Ravikant, Dean (P&D) 18 Dr. Urvashi Kaushal, Head, DoHSS
7	Prof. Tanmoy Hazra, Head, DoAI 19 Dr. K.P. Upla, Asso. Dean (FW)
8	Prof. M.A. Desai, I/c. Head, DoChE 20 Dr. Rakesh Maurya, Asso. Dean (SW)
9	Prof. V.L. Manekar, Head, DoCE 21 Dr. V. K. Patel, Asso. Dean (Academic)
10	Dr. S.J. Patel, Head, DoCSE 22 Dr. N. D. Jariwala, Asso. Dean (P&D)
11	Prof. S.R. Arya, Head, DoEE 23 Dr. V.D. Kalyankar, Asso. Dean (Academic)
12	Dr. Shilpi Gupta, Head, DoECE 24 Dr. H.G. Patel, Asso. Dean (Academic)
13	Prof. P.V. Bhale, Head, DoME 25 Dr. S.K. Sahoo, Asso. Dean (Academic)
Member Secretary	
26	Prof. Ashish Dhamaniya, Dean (Academic)

The following could not attend the meeting.

1	Dr. B. Kondraivendhan, Asso. Dean (FW) 7	Dr. Jignasa V. Gohel, Asso. Dean (R&C)
2	Prof. Y.D. Patil, Asso. Dean (SW) 8	Dr. H. P. Bulsara, Asso. Dean (A&RG)
3	Prof. P.B. Darji, Asso. Dean (P&D) 9	Dr. K.C. Kuperkar, Asso. Dean (A&RG)
4	Prof. G. R. Vesmawala, Asso. Dean (P&D) 10	Dr. Abhishek Acharya, Asso. Dean (R&C)
5	Dr. R.D. Shah, Asso. Dean (R&C) 11	Shri Kamlabh Kumar Singh, I/c. Registrar
6	Dr. M. K. Rathod, Asso. Dean (SW)	

At the outset, the Chairman, IAAC welcomed all the members present in the meeting. The following agenda items were taken up for the discussion.

The Academic Affairs Secretary of the Student Council, Mr. Mr. Sashwat Raj, made the following requests for the IAAC's consideration:

- 1) One day preparatory gap between each End Semester Examination. Students will get proper time for revision and reduced the mental stress.

Resolution: The Chairman, IAAC, suggested that the academic calendar be reviewed so that, from the academic year 2026–27 onward, the End Semester Examinations are scheduled with a one-day preparatory gap between each examination.

- 2) Attendance for students appearing in placement and internship interviews. In coordination with the CDC, a list of students appearing for placement and internship interviews can be obtained and shared with the respective faculty members to ensure proper attendance records are maintained.

Resolution: The Chairman, IAAC, suggested that the student representative should provide the list of students who faced short attendance issues due to their involvement in placement-related activities.

Items and Resolutions

Item No.	Agenda Item
Item 72.01	<p>To consider and recommend the Proposal for offering B.Tech. First Year classes in Hindi language in addition to English, to the identified students with provision to write examinations in Hindi.</p> <p>It has also been noticed that the performance of some First-Year students is adversely affected not because of lack of ability or merit, but mainly due to the language barrier. This approach enables students from Hindi-medium backgrounds to learn in their own language with confidence and conceptual clarity while gradually transitioning to English. It upholds the NEP 2020 vision of promoting education in Indian languages and ensuring equal opportunities for all learners.</p>
Reso. 72.01	<p>Resolved to recommend to the Senate that Hindi Language may be used as a supplementary language during teaching and classroom interactions to enhance comprehension for students who are not proficient in English. It is further proposed to conduct a basic screening at the time of admission to assess students' English language proficiency. Based on the screening results, separate classes or sections may be formed for students with limited English fluency, enabling instruction to be aligned with their learning needs and helping build their confidence. Additionally, special English language support classes may be organized in the evening to improve their reading, writing, and speaking skills.</p>
Item 72.02	<p>To consider the Integrated M.Sc. programme, restructured as integrated B.Sc. and M.Sc. programme.</p> <p>The Institute refers to this program as a "5-year integrated program" in the degree; However, the rules and regulations governing the program do not clearly define or specify that it also satisfies the requirements of a bachelor's degree. As a result, students face difficulties while applying for jobs or seeking admission to higher studies.</p>
Reso. 72.02	<p>The departments are requested to define and submit the current syllabus of the B.Sc. and M.Sc. programs and place before the Senate meeting. This will enable the issuance of certificates confirming that the integrated five-year M.Sc. program satisfies the requirements of a bachelor's degree.</p> <p>It is resolved to recommend to the Senate that, with effect from the current academic year, students who successfully complete the five-year integrated programme shall be awarded both B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees.</p> <p>Further, in view of the requirement of graduate Mr. Nirbhay Yadav (I18PH023) for his application to the Airports Authority of India, it is also resolved to issue a certificate</p>

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	stating that the Integrated M.Sc. programme is a five-year degree programme and incorporates the course structure of an undergraduate programme.
Item 72.03	To consider the proposed criteria for regular Ph.D. FIR admission after M.Tech., the candidate should have qualified GATE/NET or any National Eligibility Test as per the guidelines of MoE, at least once, in his/her academic career.
Reso. 72.03	Each department shall identify the relevant National Eligibility Tests and obtain approval from the Departmental Academic Advisory Committee (DAAC). The approved tests shall be incorporated into the eligibility criteria. It is further resolved to recommend to the Senate that, for regular Ph.D. FIR admission after M.Tech., candidates must have qualified GATE/NET or any recognized National Eligibility Test, as per the guidelines of the Ministry of Education (MoE), at least once during their academic career.
Item 72.04	Requirement of Adjunct Professors / Visiting Professors / Guest Lectures etc., [Ref: Department of Chemical Engineering; Reso. No.5, 133 rd DAAC meeting, February 9, 2026].
Reso. 72.04	Already approved in BoG.
Item 72.05	To consider restructure / re-nomenclature of the existing M.Tech. (Power Systems) programme to M.Tech. in Power and Energy Systems. [Ref: Department of Electrical Engineering; Reso. No. 1, 87 th DAAC meeting, December 12, 2025].
Reso. 72.05	The department has been requested to submit the nomenclature of similar M.Tech. programmes offered at other NITs. Upon submission of the relevant documents, it is resolved to recommend to the Senate, the restructuring/re-nomenclature of the existing M.Tech. (Power Systems) programme to M.Tech. in Power and Energy Systems.
Item 72.06	To consider and approve the scheme and detailed syllabus in accordance with the nomenclature change of the existing M.Tech in Power Systems programme to of M.Tech. in Power and Energy Systems. [Ref: Department of Electrical Engineering; Reso. No.2, 88 th DAAC meeting, January 10, 2026; Annexure 72.06].
Reso. 72.06	The department has been requested to submit the nomenclature of similar M.Tech. programmes offered at other NITs. Upon submission of the relevant documents, it is resolved to recommend to the Senate, the restructuring/re-nomenclature of the existing M.Tech. (Power Systems) programme to M.Tech. in Power and Energy Systems and the scheme and details syllabus of the programme.
Item 72.07	To consider the proposed scheme and syllabus of the B.Tech. Program in Electrical Engineering with specialization in E-Mobility, which incorporates Modules I–VI under Vertical Six (06) of the Bajaj Engineering Skills Training (BEST) Initiative. It is proposed that this program be offered to 60 students within the existing sanctioned intake of 130 students. [Ref: Department of Electrical Engineering; Reso. No.1, 90 th DAAC meeting, February 16, 2026, Annexure 72.07]
Reso. 72.07	Resolved to recommend to the Senate that the Department may organize a curriculum workshop for the B.Tech. programme in Electrical Engineering with specialization in E-Mobility, and subsequently submit the proposed curriculum to the Senate for approval.
Item 72.08	To enhance the total intake of B.Tech. Programme in Electrical Engineering. At present, the UG programme in Electrical Engineering is being conducted with an intake of 130 students and a total sanctioned strength 150 students. Therefore, It is proposed, B.Tech. Programme in Electrical Engineering with specialization in E-Mobility shall be offered to 60 students within the existing sanctioned strength of 150. Further, the total intake shall be enhanced to 60 students by creating an additional 40 seats, to be filled through regular admissions.

	<p>1) B.Tech. in Electrical Engineering – Intake 130 students. 2) B.Tech. in Electrical Engineering with specialization in E-Mobility – Intake 60 students.</p> <p>[Ref: Department of Electrical Engineering; Reso. No. 1, 90thDAAC meeting, February 16, 2026].</p>
Reso. 72.08	<p>At present, the undergraduate programme in Electrical Engineering is being conducted with an intake of 130 students.</p> <p>It is resolved to recommend to the Senate that the Department shall offer the programme as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. B.Tech. in Electrical Engineering – Intake of 90 students 2. B.Tech. in Electrical Engineering with specialization in E-Mobility – Intake of 60 students <p>Out of the total approved intake for the B.Tech. programme, 20 seats may be reallocated to accommodate the specialization programme.</p>
Item 72.09	<p>To consider the proposal for renaming the M.Tech. program in Communication System as M.Tech. in Communication and Signal Processing with a view to attracting more admissions. The existing syllabus of the program already includes the relevant courses aligned with the proposed revised title.</p> <p>[Ref: Department of Electronics Engineering; Reso. No. 4, 103rdDAAC meeting, January 20, 2026].</p>
Reso. 72.09	<p>The Chairman of the IAAC has advised the Head of the Department to consider renaming the existing M.Tech. programme Communication Systems to M.Tech. in Communication and Machine Learning, instead of M.Tech. in Communication and Signal Processing. The matter will be deliberated in the DAAC, and the outcome will be communicated before the ensuing Senate meeting.</p>
Item 72.10	<p>To consider the proposal received from Centre for Tribal Technology Development, to inclusion of External Experts and Multidisciplinary Access.</p> <p>The center is collaborating for long term project work with multidisciplinary institutions such as the Centre for Social Studies, Surat and Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Technological University (DBATU), Maharashtra. In view of this, the Centre propose to involve experts from external agencies to strengthen academic and research activities. The Centre also deliberated on allowing students from Science, Commerce and Arts background to pursue PhD programs under CTTD. Since problems / challenges related to tribal regions are inherently interdisciplinary in nature, participation from multiple academic disciplines is essential for meaningful research outcomes. This approach is also in alignment with the objectives of the NEP 2020, which emphasizes interdisciplinary research.</p> <p>[Ref: Centre for Tribal Technology Development; Reso. No. 11.4, 11thDAAC meeting, March 12, 2026, Annexure 72.10].</p>
Reso. 72.10	<p>Resolved to recommend to the Senate that the inclusion of External Experts in CTTD may be permitted as per the existing norms of the Institute.</p> <p>Further, it is resolved that the admissions to the Ph.D. programme in the Centre of Tribal Technology Development (CTTD) shall be governed in accordance with the provisions outlined in the 63rd Meeting of the Senate held on 24/01/2025 (Resolution No. 63.07), and the admission criteria must be aligned with the same.</p>
Item 72.11	<p>To consider the Introduction of Innovative Project as a part of curriculum in B.Tech/ Integrated M.Sc. first year.</p> <p>Discussing on : Innovation-driven and activity-based learning in the first year of undergraduate education in line with NEP, outcome-based education and current industry expectations. Emphasis may be given to developing analytical thinking, creativity, problem-solving ability, teamwork, communication skills and practical orientation at the entry level.</p>
Reso. 72.11	<p>It is resolved that a committee shall be constituted by the Chairman, Senate/Dean (Academic) to examine the inclusion of an Innovative Project as a component of the curriculum for first-year B.Tech. and Integrated M.Sc. programmes. The committee</p>

	shall prepare its report and place the same before the Senate for approval.												
Item 72.12	To consider the request of Desai Jigna Jayantilal (P10CO996) to allow her pending M.Tech dissertation (4 th Semester) in the Department of Computer Engineering at SVNIT, Surat while continuing her employment. She took admission in M.Tech. programm in 2010 and she was offered job as Lecturer in the Government of Gujarat Engineering College through GPSC and joined the Government Polytechnic for Girls, Surat on 26/05/2011. She applied for NOC but could not get the same within the time hence, her admission was cancelled on 30/02/2012. She has submitted the NOC on 26.4.2012 and requested to allow her to complete programme. Since permission was not given for the same, she went to Hon'ble Gujarat High Court with SCA no: 2831/2016. Now, Hon'ble Gujarat High Court passed the oral order / judgment on 28/01/2026, to withdraw the petition with a view to make a representation to the concerned university. [Annexure 71.12]#.												
Reso. 72.12	It is resolved that a committee shall be constituted by the Chairman, Senate to consider the request of Ms. Desai Jigna Jayantilal (P10CO996) for permission to complete her pending M.Tech. dissertation (4th Semester) in the Department of Computer Engineering at SVNIT, Surat, while continuing her employment. The committee shall prepare the report and place it before the Senate meeting.												
Item 72.13	To consider the curriculum of a new Global (Institute) Elective subject for M.Sc. 3 rd year / B.Tech. 3 rd year Semester 6 th "Bayesian Statistics". [Ref: Department of Mathematics; Reso. No. 12.4, 12 th DAAC meeting, February 16, 2026, Annexure 72.13].												
Reso. 72.13	Noted and details are mentioned in Annexure 72.13												
Item 72.14	To note MOU with IIT, Bombay for early induction Program of B.Tech. students. An MoU between IIT Bombay and SVNIT Surat is already existing for Civil Engineering Students. This MoU enables students of SVNIT to gain early induction to MTech-PhD programme of IIT Bombay. The copy of the same is attached herewith MoU is extend for students of following departments at SVNIT Surat [Annexure 72.14].												
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Item 72.15	To note the MOU signed with Department of Civil Engineering, SVNIT and the National Institute of Urban Affair (NIUA), New Delhi. NIUA is a leading national think tank in the field of Urban Planning and Development and serves as a hub for generation and dissemination of research in the urban sector. [Ref: Department of Civil Engineering; Reso. No.87.10, 87 th DAAC meeting, December 12, 2025; Annexure 72.15]												
Reso. 72.15	Noted and details are mentioned in Annexure 72.15												
Item 72.15	To note the MOU signed with Efftronics. They are giving us Centre of Excellence in IoT for all the departments to be involved in. The COE will be established in DOEC by installing sensors at various locations to monitor various parameters.												
Reso. 72.15	Noted.												

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