



राष्ट्रीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान राउरकेला
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY RAURKELA

134th MEETING OF THE SENATE

Date : 22.05.2026 (Friday)

Time : 10:30 AM

Venue : B. B. Auditorium

MINUTES

Senate-134[2026]-01: Welcome to the members and invitees by the Chairman, Senate.

The Chairman Senate welcomed all members present to the meeting.

Senate-134[2026]-02: To confirm the minutes of the 132nd Senate meeting.

The draft minutes of the 132nd Senate meeting held on 03/03/2026, provisionally approved by the Chairman, Senate, were circulated to all members by group email. No comments/suggestions on the correctness of the minutes recording have been received from any member.

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Senate confirmed the minutes.

Senate-134[2026]-03: To confirm the minutes of the 133rd Senate meeting.

The draft minutes of the 133rd Senate meeting held on 06th April 2026 and provisionally approved by the Chairman, Senate, were circulated to all members by group email. The following comments/suggestions on the correctness of the recording of the minutes have been received from Professor Saroj Kumar Patel.

Senate-133[2026]-06: Senate chairman → Senate Chairman

Senate-133[2026]-08: One line may be added in the minute that such proposal was already approved by the Senate vide its resolution no. Senate-95[2020]-4, dated 5th & 9th Sep 2020.

Senate-133[2026]-16: This resolution is incomplete. If the number of students on roll in any specialization of PG itself is less than 6, then all CORE subjects and stream electives cannot be conducted as per the new rule. In that case, will that specialization be discontinued for that admission batch? If so, what will be then the fate of those few students who have already taken admission through CCMT/CCMN?

Senate-133[2026]-27: Changes of PhD regulation 14.1.5 for submission of thesis by Executive PhD after 4 years was NOT accepted by the Senate because based on the committee's recommendation, Senate had earlier reduced the minimum thesis submission for Executive PhD from 6 years to 5 years vide its resolution no. Senate-120[2025]-19 dated 16-06-2025. The minimum Research Practice credit to be earned to be eligible for thesis submission is 96 credits which cannot be completed within 4 years by an Executive PhD student.

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Senate considered the corrections as received from Prof. Saroj Kumar Patel and approved the 133rd Senate Minutes with following modification with respect to resolution no. Senate-133[2026]-16 on the proposal to drop elective courses with few registered students will be handled on a case-by-case basis on approval of the Director.

Senate-133[2026]-27: Regulation 14.1.5 is modified: An executive PhD student with B.Tech./MSc/MA as a qualifying degree can submit the thesis after a lapse of at least five years from the date of enrolment. An executive PhD student with a M.Tech./Dual degree can submit the thesis after a lapse of at least four years from the date of enrolment. In all cases, the RP credit requirement of 96 credits will apply to the Executive PhD program.

Senate-134[2026]-04: Report on Action Taken on the decisions of the 133rd meeting of the Senate.

The Reports on Action Taken on the decisions taken in the 133rd meeting of the Senate are given in the Annexure for information of the Senate.

[Annexure – A3, Page No. 19 – 20]

Senate noted the report.

A. RULES, PROCEDURES, CURRICULA AND POLICY MATTERS:

Senate-134[2026]-05: Finalization of Academic Calendar for the session 2026-27.

The draft Academic Calendar for the Academic Session 2026-27 is put up in the Annexure.

[Annexure – A4, Page No. 21 – 33]

Senate approved the Academic Calendar for the session 2026-27.

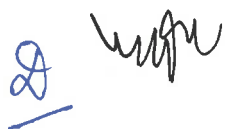
Senate-134[2026]-06: Multiple Entry and Multiple Exit Certificate.

In pursuance to the Senate vide resolution no. Senate-133[2026]-04 regarding Multiple Entry and Exit provision as per NEP 2020, modified draft format of the certificate to be issued is placed before the Senate.

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Senate approved Multiple Entry and Multiple Exit Certificate format.

Senate-134[2026]-07: Writing backlog examinations along with regular semester examinations causes significant academic pressure on students. At present, there is no regulation limiting the number of backlog papers a student may attempt in a semester. In the absence of such regulation, students often register for all pending backlog papers, which adversely affects their academic performance and well-being. To reduce the academic burden associated with backlog examinations, the following measures are proposed:



1. A student who secured F grade in any subject in Autumn semester can write the supplementary for that subject in December [preferably in the last week]. This will not be available to the students caught in malpractice in mid sem/end sem examination in the Autumn semester or having any ISDC punishment in the Autumn semester.
2. A student who secured F grade in any subject in Spring semester can write the supplementary exam for that subject along with the Summer semester. This option will not be available to the students caught in malpractice in mid sem/end sem examination in the Spring examination or having any ISDC punishment in the Spring semester.
3. Students caught in malpractice in the examination or having ISDC punishment may be allowed to write the supplementary examination for that subject in the subsequent academic year.
4. There will be no more backlog examination during the regular semester examinations. Mid-semester mark will remain unchanged. However, TA mark can change based on course teacher's assessment.

Senate approved the above proposals on conduction of examination for backlog papers. There won't be any examination for backlog papers in the regular semester examination henceforth w.e.f. Autumn 2026-27 session.

Senate-134[2026]-08: Proposal to carry out Entrepreneurship at FTBI instead of Research Projects-I and Research Projects-II for UG Students.

In pursuance to the Senate vide resolution no. Senate-131[2025]-08, a committee was formed under Chairmanship of Prof. Subrata Kumar Panda (President, FTBI) to formulate the policy on Entrepreneurship at FTBI instead of Research Project-I and Research Project-II for UG students. The minutes of committee meeting and recommendations is attached as annexure.

[Annexure – A6, Page No. 42 – 46]

The Senate approved the recommendations of the committee.

Senate-134[2026]-09: As per regulations, for UG students pursuing internship at the industry, 60% of their research project component is to awarded by the concerned industry. However, many industries have declined to evaluate and award any grade. For such students, 100% of the research project evaluation is to be done by the department.

Chairman Senate has approved the proposal.

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Senate approved the proposal that 100% of the research project evaluation will be done by the department for UG internship students for whom industries have declined to evaluate and award any grade. For M.Tech. students doing internship in a subject not aligned with department specialization their thesis may be evaluated without external expert. Such student's thesis may be evaluated using the expertise of faculty from other department of the institute.

Senate-134[2026]-10: Proposal for New Elective Courses (Advanced Skill Development) for the B.Tech. Program as per the NEP Curriculum.

The detailed proposal by the DAC of the Civil Engineering department for a new elective course for B.Tech. program to be added in the Department elective list is put up to the Senate for consideration.

[Annexure – A8, Page No. 48 – 55]

Senate approved the proposal for New Elective Courses “Advanced Skill Development” for the B.Tech. Program as per NEP Curriculum.

Senate-134[2026]-11: Proposal for change in Ph.D. regulations.

Senate vide resolution no. Senate-130[2025]-04 approved the proposal for change in clauses 3.12 (ii) which is reproduced as below:

Ph.D. Clause No.s	Existing Ph.D. regulation	Approved Proposal
3.12 (Admission of Project Fellow)	The following procedure will be employed in admitting project personnel to PhD programme The appointment should be for a minimum period of 2 years at one stretch or through annual extension. The sanctioned project duration remaining on the date of expected joining must be at least 18 months.	The following procedure will be employed in admitting project personnel to PhD programme The appointment should be for a minimum period of 2 years at one stretch or through annual extension. The sanctioned project duration remaining on the date of expected joining must be at least 18 months. To be eligible for Institute fellowship after the completion of project, the project scholar must have received fellowship from the project for a period of at least 18 months.

The following modification is proposed:

A project scholar can enroll for the PhD program irrespective of the duration of the project. However, to be eligible for Institute fellowship after the completion of project, the project scholar must have received fellowship from the project for a period of at least 18 months.

[Annexure – A9, Page No. 56]

The Senate approved the above proposal.

Senate-134[2026]-12: Proposal for change in eligibility criteria for admission to Ph.D.

A proposal has been received from Prof. Biplab Ganguli [PH] regarding revisions to the eligibility criteria for admission to Ph.D. programmes in the

Science Departments. The proposal is based on the observation that the existing minimum eligibility requirements for admission to Ph.D. programmes in Science disciplines are comparatively higher for candidates graduating from Centrally Funded Technical Institutions (CFTIs), including the IITs. The detailed proposal is attached as an Annexure.

[Annexure – A10, Page No. 57]

The Senate approved the proposal.

B. UNDERGRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE STUDIES:

Senate-134[2026]-13: Publication of results of B.Arch 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th & 10th, B.Tech 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th Sem, Dual Degree 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th Sem, Integrated MSc 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th & 10th Sem, M.Tech 2nd Sem, MSc 2nd & 4th Sem, MBA 2nd & 4th Sem, MA 2nd & 4th Semesters and results of Ph.D, Exec. Ph.D and M.Tech (Res) students for Spring End-Semester Examination 2025-26.

The results of B. Arch 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th & 10th, B.Tech 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th Sem, Dual Degree 2nd, 4th, 6th, & 8th, Integrated MSc 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th & 10th Sem, M.Tech 2nd Sem, MSc 2nd & 4th Sem, MBA 2nd & 4th Sem, MA 2nd & 4th Semesters and results of Ph.D, Exec. Ph.D and M.Tech (Res) students for Spring End-Semester Examination 2025-26 as recommended by the UGPEC & PGPEC will be put up on the table for approval of the Senate

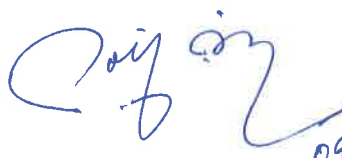
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Senate approved the results for Spring End-Semester Examination for AY 2025-26.

Senate-134[2026]-14: Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

- 1) The Senate agenda for subsequent senate meetings shall contain two distinct sections (i) PART-A (with student participation) and (ii) PART-B (without student participation). The nominated student members of the senate will participate in the deliberations related to the agenda items of PART-A only.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair.



09/07/2026

Registrar & Secretary, Senate



14/7/26

Director & Chairman, Senate

