



**Minutes of the 71<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Senate of  
National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli held on  
21<sup>st</sup> January 2026 at 03:00 PM in the A2 Hall and through WebEx**

**The following members were present in the meeting:**

1.	Dr. G. AGHILA, Director, Chairperson
2.	Dr. S T RAMESH, Dean (Academic)
3.	Dr. ALPHONSE P. J. A
4.	Dr. ANAND R
5.	Dr. ANAND R. B
6.	Dr. ANANDAKRISHNAN V
7.	Dr. ANANDAN S
8.	Dr. ARIVAZHAGAN M
9.	Dr. ARTHANAREESWARAN G
10.	Dr. ARUL DANIEL S
11.	Dr. ARUL MOZHI SELVAN V
12.	Dr. ARUNAGIRI A
13.	Dr. ASHOK M
14.	Dr. ASOKAN P
15.	Dr. BAKTHAVATSALAM A. K
16.	Dr. BALASUBRAMANIAN K R
17.	Dr. BALASUNDARAM S. R
18.	Dr. BASKARAN N
19.	Dr. BHASKAR M
20.	Dr. BIJU V. M
21.	Dr. CHANDRA BOSE A
22.	Dr. DOMNIC S
23.	Dr. DURAISELVAM M
24.	Dr. EZHILARASI D
25.	Dr. GANDHIMATHI R
26.	Dr. GANGADHARAN G R
27.	Dr. GIRIDHARAN N V
28.	Dr. GOPALAKRISHNAN N
29.	Dr. HEMALATHA J
30.	Dr. JAYA BHARATA REDDY M
31.	Dr. JAYALEKSHMI S
32.	Dr. JEYACHITRA R K
33.	Dr. JOSEPH PONNIAH R
34.	Dr. JUSTIN JOSEYPHUS R
35.	Dr. KALAICHELVI P
36.	Dr. KARTHIKEYAN B
37.	Dr. KARVEMBU R
38.	Dr. KUMANAN S
39.	Dr. KUMARAN S
40.	Dr. KUMARAN V
41.	Dr. KUMARESH BABU S. P
42.	Dr. LAKSHMANA GOMATHI NAYAGAM V
43.	Dr. LAKSHMI NARAYANAN G
44.	Dr. LEELA VELUSAMY R
45.	Dr. LENIN SINGARAVELU D
46.	Dr. MALA C
47.	Dr. MALARKODI B

48.	Dr. MANIVANNAN S
49.	Dr. MARIAPPAN V
50.	Dr. MARY SAIRA BHANU S
51.	Dr. MATHESWARAN M
52.	Dr. MEENATCHI SUNDARAM A
53.	Dr. MEERA S. BEGUM K. M
54.	Dr. MEKALA S
55.	Dr. MICHAEL AROCK
56.	Dr. MOORTHI S
57.	Dr. MURUGANANTHAM G
58.	Dr. MURUGESAN R
59.	Dr. MUTHUCHIDAMBARANATHAN P
60.	Dr. MUTHUKUMARAN K.
61.	Dr. MUTHUKUMAR K
62.	Dr. MUTHUKUMARAN S
63.	Dr. NAGALAKSHMI R
64.	Dr. NICKOLAS S
65.	Dr. NISHA RADHAKRISHNAN
66.	Dr. PALANISAMY P
67.	Dr. PANDEESWARI R
68.	Dr. PANNEERSELVAM K
69.	Dr. PARTHIBAN P
70.	Dr. PERUMAL SAMY M
71.	Dr. PRASANNA VENKATESAN S
72.	Dr. PREMALATHA M
73.	Dr. RADHAKRISHNAN T. K
74.	Dr. RAJA P
75.	Dr. RAJESWARI SRIDHAR
76.	Dr. RAMAKALYAN AYYAGARI
77.	Dr. RAMAN SANKARANARAYANAN S
78.	Dr. RAMASUBRAMANIAN N
79.	Dr. RAMESH BABU N
80.	Dr. RAMESH T
81.	Dr. RAVISANKAR B
82.	Dr. SAIKRISHNAN P
83.	Dr. SAMSON MATHEW
84.	Dr. SANTHOSH KUMAR M C
85.	Dr. SARAT CHANDRA BABU J
86.	Dr. SARAVANA ILANGO G
87.	Dr. SARAVANAN S
88.	Dr. SATHIYA NARAYANAN C
89.	Dr. SATHIYA P
90.	Dr. SELVAKUMAR S
91.	Dr. SENTHIL KUMAR S
92.	Dr. SENTHILKUMAR V
93.	Dr. SENTHIL P
94.	Dr. SISHAJ P SIMON
95.	Dr. SIVA PRASAD KATAKAM
96.	Dr. SIVAKUMAR V. J
97.	Dr. SIVAPIRAKASAM S. P
98.	Dr. SIVASHANMUGAM N
99.	Dr. SIVASHANMUGAM P

100.	Dr. SRIDEVI P
101.	Dr. SRINIVASAN K
102.	Dr. SRIRAM KUMAR D
103.	Dr. SUNDARESWARAN K.
104.	Dr. SURESH S
105.	Dr. SWAMINATHAN G
106.	Dr. THAMARAISELVAN N
107.	Dr. THIRUMARAN K
108.	Dr. VEERAPPAN A R
109.	Dr. VENKATACHALAPATHY S
110.	Dr. VENKATAKIRTHIGA M
111.	Dr. VINOD BALAKRISHNAN V
112.	Dr. SENTHIL KUMAR S A., Registrar, (Secretary, Senate)
<b>SPECIAL INVITEES</b>	
113.	Dr. PREMKUMAR K, HoD, Architecture
114.	Dr. KUNWAR SINGH, HoD, CSE
115.	Dr. VAMSINADH THOTA, Associate Dean (Academic)
116.	Dr. VINEET KUMAR YADAV, Associate Dean (Academic)
117.	Dr. SHELAS SATHYAN, Associate Dean (Academic)
118.	Dr. LAIJU A. R, Associate Dean (Academic)

**The following members expressed their inability to attend the meeting:**

1.	Dr. HARIDOSS PRATHAP, External Member
2.	Dr. M. THENMOZHI, External Member
3.	Dr. BASKAR K
4.	Dr. CINDRELLA L
5.	Dr. DHANALAKSHMI K
6.	Dr. JEYAPPAUL R
7.	Dr. JERALD J
8.	Dr. GOPI E S
9.	Dr. KUMARESAN N
10.	Dr. MURUGESAN K
11.	Dr. NAGASUBRAMANIYAN G
12.	Dr. RAVICHANDRAN V
13.	Dr. SANKARANARAYANAN V
14.	Dr. SATHYARAJ V
15.	Dr. SELVAN M P
16.	Dr. SENTHIL ARASU B
17.	Dr. SHANTHI V
18.	Dr. SHEEBA K N
19.	Dr. SIVAKUMARAN N
20.	Dr. SIVASANKAR T
21.	Dr. SREEKANTH A
22.	Dr. SUBBAIYAN G
23.	Dr. UMA G
24.	Dr. UMAPATHY M
25.	Dr. VASUKI B
26.	Dr. VELMATHI S
27.	Dr. VINODH S
<b>SPECIAL INVITEES</b>	
28.	Dr. THAVASI RAJA G, Associate Dean (Academic)

**The following members did not attend the meeting:**

1.	Dr. S. ASOKAN, External Member
2.	Dr. PUNNIYAMOORTHY M
3.	Dr. SANKARANARAYAN R
4.	Dr. SUDHA S

1.	<p>The Chairman of the Senate welcomed all Members to the 71<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Senate and conveyed appreciation for their continued commitment to upholding academic standards and fostering the sustained growth of NIT Tiruchirappalli.</p> <p>The Chairman highlighted several key initiatives undertaken by the Institute that underscore its dedication to academic excellence, institutional integrity, social responsibility, and sustainability. Notable among these were efforts to enhance workplace safety and statutory awareness through initiatives such as the Sexual Harassment Electronic Box (SHe-Box) and Mission Shakti. In alignment with the Institute's sustainability objectives, the Chairman also drew attention to a campus-wide plantation drive involving the planting of 1,000 saplings, carried out with active participation from faculty members, staff, and students. Appreciation was placed on record for the hostel administration for the successful execution of this initiative, which reinforced collective responsibility towards environmental stewardship.</p> <p>The Chairman further highlighted the Distinguished Alumni Awards and Young Achiever Awards 2025 ceremony as a significant institutional milestone. During the event, 16 alumni were honoured for their outstanding contributions across diverse sectors. The ceremony was graced by Dr. Shivakumar Kalyanaraman, Chief Executive Officer, Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), as the Chief Guest and presided over by Dr. Amogh Kumar Gupta, Chairperson, Board of Governors. The Chairman noted that the association with ANRF reflects the Institute's alignment with national research priorities and the evolving research and innovation ecosystem envisaged under the National Education Policy. The national focus of ANRF on nurturing researchers, enabling mission-driven research, and accelerating innovation-led growth was acknowledged as providing a valuable framework for strengthening the Institute's academic and research strategies.</p> <p>The Chairman also outlined the Institute's ongoing efforts to strengthen research-driven academic programmes, including the introduction and enhancement of advanced courses in emerging areas. Reference was made to student-led, community-oriented initiatives wherein students apply technological and problem-solving approaches to address real-world challenges in nearby village communities, thereby promoting experiential learning and societal impact.</p> <p>Further, the Chairman emphasised the continued promotion of technology-driven entrepreneurship through initiatives such as NITT-FIRE and the Centre for Entrepreneurship Development and Incubation (CEDI), which support start-ups, product development, and commercialisation, contributing to innovation and economic empowerment.</p> <p>In conclusion, the Chairman placed on record sincere appreciation for the collaborative efforts of all stakeholders and expressed confidence in the</p>
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	continued guidance and active engagement of the Members of the Senate in advancing excellence in teaching, research, and societal contribution. The Chairman then requested the Secretary to proceed with the agenda.		
2.	<p><b>Confirmation of the Minutes of 70<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Senate held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b></p> <p>The Senate resolved to confirm the minutes of 70<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Senate held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>RESOLUTION</b> 71/SENATE/2026/2</td> <td><b>RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of 70<sup>th</sup> meeting of Senate held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025 be confirmed.</b></td> </tr> </table>	<b>RESOLUTION</b> 71/SENATE/2026/2	<b>RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of 70<sup>th</sup> meeting of Senate held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025 be confirmed.</b>
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3.	<b>APPROVAL ITEMS</b>		
i.	<p><b>Approval of results for B.Tech. (I); B.Arch. (I); B.Sc.B.Ed. (I and III); M.Tech. (I and III), M.Arch.(I and III), M.Sc. (I and III), MA (I and III), and MCA (I, III, and V), for the July session 2025.</b></p> <p>The Dean (Academic) presented the results for the July session 2025 of the Academic Year 2025–26.</p> <p>The Senate deliberated on the results and approved the results for B.Tech. (I); B.Arch. (I); B.Sc.B.Ed. (I and III); M.Tech. (I and III), M.Arch.(I and III), M.Sc. (I and III), MA (I and III), and MCA (I, III, and V), for the July session 2025., as recommended by the respective Performance Analysis Committees (PACs).</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>RESOLUTION</b> 71/SENATE/2026/3/i</td> <td><b>RESOLVED THAT the results of the B.Tech. (I); B.Arch. (I); B.Sc.B.Ed. (I and III); M.Tech. (I and III), M.Arch.(I and III), M.Sc. (I and III), MA (I and III), and MCA (I, III, and V), for the July session 2025, as approved by the respective Performance Analysis Committees (PACs), be approved.</b></td> </tr> </table>	<b>RESOLUTION</b> 71/SENATE/2026/3/i	<b>RESOLVED THAT the results of the B.Tech. (I); B.Arch. (I); B.Sc.B.Ed. (I and III); M.Tech. (I and III), M.Arch.(I and III), M.Sc. (I and III), MA (I and III), and MCA (I, III, and V), for the July session 2025, as approved by the respective Performance Analysis Committees (PACs), be approved.</b>
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ii.	<p><b>Approval of recommendations of the committee on Ph.D. related academic matters.</b></p> <p>In accordance with the recommendations of the 70<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Senate, a committee was constituted to examine matters pertaining to Ph.D. supervision, co-guidance, allied academic issues, and international collaborations, and to submit its recommendations to the Senate. The Senate considered the recommendations of the Committee and, after detailed deliberations, approved the following:</p> <p><b>1. Guide of a Ph.D. scholar leaves the Institute</b></p> <p>The Senate approved the following cases governing continuation or change of Ph.D. supervision when a guide leaves the Institute:</p> <p>a. <i>“Case I: If the scholar has completed all requirements for the award of the Ph.D. degree, including coursework, comprehensive examination, publication requirements, and seminar presentations, and the Guide leaves the Institute, the guide may be permitted to continue with the approval of the Dean (Academic) / Chairman, Senate. To manage administrative responsibilities, the Doctoral Committee (DC) may propose a Coordinator, preferably a DC</i></p>		

member of the concerned department, in consultation with the Guide.

- b. **Case II:** If the scholar has completed the comprehensive examination and has at least one journal publication as per Ph.D. requirements, the Guide may continue as a Co-Guide, subject to submission of a NOC from the new organization. A new Guide shall be nominated by the concerned HoD by following guide allocation procedure.
- c. **Case III:** If the scholar has neither completed the comprehensive examination nor published any journal paper as required under the Ph.D. regulations, the guideship of the faculty member who had left the Institute shall stand relinquished. A new Guide shall be nominated by the concerned HoD by following guide allocation procedure.

**2. Induction of Faculty from Central Government-funded universities, institutions, and centrally funded research laboratories as External Guide for HTRA Ph.D. Scholars.**

The Senate approved the induction of faculty members from IITs, IISc, IISERs, IIMs, IIITs, NITs, Central Government-funded universities and institutions, and centrally funded research laboratories as External Guide for HTRA Ph.D. scholars, subject to:

- "Faculty members from premier national institutions such as IITs, IISc, IISERs, IIMs, IIITs, NITs, Central Government funded universities and institutions, and centrally funded research laboratories shall be considered to serve as External Guide for Ph.D. scholars with HTRA, provided that a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for co-supervision of research activities exists between NIT-T and the concerned Institution.
- The External Guide must hold a Ph.D. in the relevant discipline, maintain a regular faculty or scientist position, and must have demonstrated strong research credentials with publications in reputed journals.
- The induction of External Guide may be recommended by the DC to the Advisory Committee (AC) for Ph.D. Affairs and the recommendation of the AC shall be approved by the Chairman, Senate".

**3. Permitting Institute Faculty to Serve as External Guide / Co-Guide (as per the nomenclature of the host institution) for Scholars from Other Institutions in India and Abroad**

The Senate approved permitting Institute faculty to serve as Co-Guide for Ph.D. scholars from Indian and international institutions, subject to:

- a. "The Institute permits faculty members to serve as External Guide / Co-Guide (as per the nomenclature of the host institution) for research scholars pursuing doctoral studies in the institutions such as IITs, IISc, IISERs, IIMs, IIITs, NITs, Central Government-funded universities and institutions, INIs, and centrally funded research laboratories in India, provided that a valid Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for co-supervision of research activities exists between NIT-T and the concerned institution, and that such engagements contribute to strengthening academic collaboration and enhancing research visibility of our institute.
- b. The Institute also permits faculty members to act as External Guide / Co-Guide (as per the nomenclature of the host institution) for

*research scholars enrolled in doctoral programmes at universities abroad ranked within the top 500 of the QS World University Rankings.*

- c. Request for such guidance shall be routed through proper channel for consideration by the Advisory Committee (AC) for Ph.D. Affairs. The recommendations of the AC shall be approved by the Chairman, Senate”.*

#### **4. Maximum duration of the Programme**

The Senate approved the following provisions regarding maximum duration of the Ph.D. Programme:

- *“For direct and lateral full-time Ph.D. scholars with HTRA or external funding, non-stipendiary full-time, the maximum permitted duration of the programme shall be six (6) years, while for part-time scholars it shall be seven (7) years.*
- *The Doctoral Committee (DC) may grant an extension up to eight (8) years.*
- *A further extension of up to two (2) additional years may be permitted for continuation in the Ph.D. programme, provided the scholar has at least one journal publication at the end of eight (8) years in accordance with the Ph.D. requirements with the recommendation of DC and the approval of Dean (Academic).*
- *In any case the total duration of the Ph.D. programme from the date of registration shall not exceed ten (10) years.*
- *Any further case shall be brought to the notice of the Senate.*
- *Additionally, it shall be the responsibility of the DC to recommend the cancellation of the Ph.D. registration if the scholar does not demonstrate adequate interest in research and the progress is found to be unsatisfactory”.*

#### **5. Relinquishment of the Role of Chairperson of the Doctoral Committee (DC)**

The Senate approved that:

*“If the Chairperson of the DC is unable to continue in the role due to personal or professional reasons, the Guide shall recommend a suitable replacement from among the eligible faculty members. The appointment of the new Chairperson shall be approved by the Dean (Academic) / Chairman, Senate”.*

#### **6. Request for Relinquishment of Ph.D. Guide**

The Senate approved that:

*“If a Ph.D. Guide is unable or unwilling to continue in the role of Guide due to personal, professional, or administrative reasons, the HoD shall recommend a suitable replacement from among the eligible faculty members to ensure uninterrupted supervision of the scholar”.*

#### **7. Request by the Scholar for Change of Ph.D. Guide**

The Senate approved that:

*“If the Doctoral Committee (DC) is unable to resolve the change of Guide for a scholar, then the HoD may refer the matter to the Advisory Committee (AC) for Ph.D. Affairs through the Dean (Academic). The recommendations of the AC may be approved by Chairman, Senate”.*

#### **8. Structure of the Advisory Committee (AC) for Ph.D. Affairs**

The committee recommends the constitution of a Five-member Advisory Committee (AC) for Ph.D. Affairs comprising of the following members:

	<p>i. Dean (Academic) – Convener  ii. Two Senate members nominated by the Chairman, Senate  iii. One Senior woman faculty member nominated by the Director  iv. Head of the Department (HoD) concerned</p> <p>The Dean (Academic) and the Head of the Department concerned shall serve as ex-officio members, while the nominated members shall have a tenure of two years or until their retirement, whichever is earlier.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="347 443 1358 1451"> <tr> <td data-bbox="347 443 699 1451"> <b>RESOLUTION</b>  <b>71/SENATE/2026/3/ii</b> </td> <td data-bbox="699 443 1358 1451"> <b>RESOLVED THAT</b> the Senate, having considered the recommendations of the committee on Ph.D. related academic matters and after thorough deliberation, hereby approves the revised guidelines as outlined above for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guide of a Ph.D. scholar leaves the Institute.</li> <li>• Induction of faculty from Central Government-funded universities, institutions, and centrally funded research laboratories as External Guide for HTRA Ph.D. Scholars</li> <li>• Permitting Institute Faculty to Serve as External Guide / Co-Guide (as per the nomenclature of the host institution) for Scholars from Other Institutions in India and Abroad</li> <li>• Maximum duration of the Ph.D. programme</li> <li>• Relinquishment of the role of Chairperson of the Doctoral Committee (DC)</li> <li>• Request for relinquishment of Ph.D. Guide</li> <li>• Request by scholar for change of Ph.D. Guide</li> <li>• Structure of the Advisory Committee (AC) for Ph.D. Affairs</li> </ul> be approved. </td> </tr> </table>	<b>RESOLUTION</b> <b>71/SENATE/2026/3/ii</b>	<b>RESOLVED THAT</b> the Senate, having considered the recommendations of the committee on Ph.D. related academic matters and after thorough deliberation, hereby approves the revised guidelines as outlined above for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guide of a Ph.D. scholar leaves the Institute.</li> <li>• Induction of faculty from Central Government-funded universities, institutions, and centrally funded research laboratories as External Guide for HTRA Ph.D. Scholars</li> <li>• Permitting Institute Faculty to Serve as External Guide / Co-Guide (as per the nomenclature of the host institution) for Scholars from Other Institutions in India and Abroad</li> <li>• Maximum duration of the Ph.D. programme</li> <li>• Relinquishment of the role of Chairperson of the Doctoral Committee (DC)</li> <li>• Request for relinquishment of Ph.D. Guide</li> <li>• Request by scholar for change of Ph.D. Guide</li> <li>• Structure of the Advisory Committee (AC) for Ph.D. Affairs</li> </ul> be approved.
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<b>4</b>	<b>Ratification Items</b>		
i.	<b>Ratification of provisional certificates issued to MS (by Research) and Ph.D. students subsequent to the 70<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting.</b> <p>The details of 17 Ph.D. scholars for whom provisional degrees were issued, as provided in Annexure A, were placed before the Senate and approved.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="347 1738 1358 1895"> <tr> <td data-bbox="347 1738 699 1895"> <b>RESOLUTION</b>  <b>71/SENATE/2026/4/i</b> </td> <td data-bbox="699 1738 1358 1895"> <b>RESOLVED THAT</b> the decision of award of Provisional degree to Ph.D. / M.S. (by research) scholars as per the list presented in Annexure A be ratified. </td> </tr> </table>	<b>RESOLUTION</b> <b>71/SENATE/2026/4/i</b>	<b>RESOLVED THAT</b> the decision of award of Provisional degree to Ph.D. / M.S. (by research) scholars as per the list presented in Annexure A be ratified.
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<b>5</b>	<b>Any other Item with the permission of the Chairman, Senate</b> <p>The Chairman presented an overview of the discussions and key outcomes from the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Council of National Institutes of Technology,</p>		

Science Education and Research (NITSER), held in New Delhi on 13 January 2026. She informed the Senate that the Council engaged in extensive deliberations on reforms aimed at strengthening academic programmes, research, innovation, and institutional governance across NITs and IISERs, aligning these efforts with national priorities.

The Chairman highlighted that the Council stressed the importance of aligning curricula, assessment frameworks, academic programmes, and research initiatives with critical and emerging technologies such as Industry 4.0, green hydrogen, advanced manufacturing, artificial intelligence, data analytics, cybersecurity, quantum technologies, and semiconductors. These efforts are intended to support India's vision for Atmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat@2047. The Council also advocated for the introduction of specialized postgraduate and M.Tech. programmes tailored to specific industry needs. Additionally, comprehensive reforms in doctoral education were discussed, including promoting industry-led and industry-funded Ph.D. programmes, encouraging product-based Ph.D. research, and allocating Ph.D. supervision based on faculty performance metrics.

The Chairman further informed that innovation and entrepreneurship were identified as critical focus areas. The Council emphasized building strong innovation ecosystems to foster a shift from job seekers to job creators. Notably, at least ten NITs were encouraged to initiate the establishment of Research Parks, and a national pitching conclave for start-ups incubated at NITs is planned for July 2026, to be organized in collaboration with investors and industry stakeholders.

She added that the Council collectively agreed on completing external peer reviews within one year and reaffirmed accreditation as a vital quality assurance mechanism, with institutions committed to active participation in the national accreditation framework. The Council also highlighted the promotion of inclusivity through the use of Bharatiya Bhashas and the adoption of AI-enabled multilingual learning tools to support learners from diverse linguistic backgrounds.

Furthermore, the Chairman briefed the Senate on the Council's emphasis on strengthening the research–innovation–application continuum. The Council encouraged the translation of research outputs—from publications to intellectual property, products, and scalable processes—and stressed addressing critical gaps in the innovation pipeline through incubation, acceleration, and enhanced industry engagement.

The Chairman concluded by noting that these deliberations carry significant implications for institutional governance, curriculum design, research planning, innovation ecosystems, and quality assurance at NIT, Tiruchirappalli. He suggested that the relevant academic and administrative bodies review these directions for appropriate implementation in alignment with the Institute's priorities.

The Meeting concluded with thanks to the **Chairman**.

S. A.   
Secretary, Senate

  
Chairman, Senate

Annexure – A

List of Ph.D. scholars to be awarded Provisional Certificate

Sl. No.	Roll No.	Name	Date of Viva	Provisional Issued Date
1.	404420001	Natarajan K	28.11.2025	23.12.2025
2.	403916051	Paladi Rajendra Kumar	01.12.2025	23.12.2025
3.	405121053	Pandian C	02.12.2025	23.12.2025
4.	416120051	Priyanka N C	05.12.2025	23.12.2025
5.	412119003	Amal V Purushothaman	09.12.2025	02.01.2026
6.	417920001	Ramesh J	22.12.2025	02.01.2026
7.	404119003	Nivetha N	22.12.2025	02.01.2026
8.	408918053	Juttu Ramesh	23.12.2025	02.01.2026
9.	412120003	Lanka Dinesh	26.12.2025	02.01.2026
10.	405120007	Jinaga Tulasi Ram	29.12.2025	02.01.2026
11.	402116005	Raniga Divyesh Vallabhbai	26.12.2025	08.01.2026
12.	407120002	Ankit Pal	29.12.2025	08.01.2026
13.	411120010	Sanjeevprakash K	30.12.2025	08.01.2026
14.	408915053	Sathish Kumar C	02.01.2026	08.01.2026
15.	405119052	Appasami G	05.01.2026	08.01.2026
16.	408914005	P Suganya	31.12.2025	08.01.2026
17.	406116007	Savyan P V	06.01.2026	08.01.2026