

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KURUKSHETRA

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

For

59th MEETING OF SENATE



Venue of meeting: Senate Hall, NIT, Kurukshetra

Date & Time : 11th June, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

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SSA 59.01 To consider and decide about addition of “The Art of Living Mind Management and Life Skills” as Non-Conventional Institute core course in first year B. Tech scheme.

The Senate in its 46th meeting held on 10.11.2022 vide agenda item No S 48.12 approved B. Tech scheme for the students admitted in AY 2022-23 and onwards. The scheme was prepared for holistic development of the students in line with NEP-2020. The students studying present scheme have choice of choosing non-conventional Institute core course of 02 credits from a group of six courses in first and second semesters.

As per the proposal received (copy attached) from the National Council – Institutional Programs, it is proposed to add ‘The Art of Living Mind Management and Life Skills’ as non-conventional Institute core course of 02 credits. The course is available on Swayam Plus Portal and will be taught by team of instructors from Art of Living in hybrid mode. The students opting this course will have to register on Swayam Plus Portal (open all year round) and will be required to pay the registration fee as applicable. The list of courses including the above proposed course is as follows:

Group	Course	Course Code	Status
I	Human Values and Social Responsibility	HSNC101	Existing
	Sanskrit Language Skills	HSNC102	Existing
	Hindi Language Skills	HSNC103	Existing
	Telugu Language Skills	HSNC104	Existing
	Constitution of India	HSNC105	Existing
	Vedic Mathematics	MANC101	Existing
	The Art of Living Mind Management and Life Skills	HSNC112	Proposed
II	Indian Knowledge System	HSNC106	Existing
	Teachings of Gita	HSNC107	Existing
	French Language Skills	HSNC108	Existing
	German Language Skills	HSNC109	Existing
	Japanese Language Skills	HSNC110	Existing
	Thought Lab	HSNC111	Existing

The grading pattern of the proposed course will be similar to the existing courses.

The Senate may consider and decide.



Inclusion of The Art of Living workshop through Swayam Plus

1 message

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Mon, Jun 8, 2026 at 12:06 PM

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Prof. Lillie Dewan

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Dear Madam,

Greetings!

It was a pleasure meeting you last week at NIT Kurukshetra, As discussed, please find below the details of our course.

We are happy to inform you that the **YES!+ Program by The Art of Living** is available on the **SWAYAM Plus** platform with the following details:

Course Name: The Art of Living Mind Management and Life Skills

Duration: 20 Hours

Domain: Indian Knowledge System (IKS)

Credit Eligible: Yes

NCrF Level: 5.5

Language: English and Hindi

The direct link to the course on the SWAYAM Plus portal is:

<https://swayam-plus.swayam2.ac.in/courses/course-details?id=P-1305>

Assessment & Certification Details :-

Assessment: Yes (Post-course assessment) The Art of Living teachers would conduct the assessment and will submit the grade sheet to the concerned authorities.

Assessment Type: MCQ, project submission, class performance / Viva

Assessment Mode: Virtual, Proctored

Program Mode:- Hybrid (Both Online and On-site)

Assessment Provider: The Art of Living

Certificate: Available

Certificate Provider: The Art of Living

Additional Cost for Certification: No

We would be happy to work with NIT Kurukshetra to facilitate the introduction of this course for students and support their holistic development, mental well-being, leadership, and life 2

skills.

We look forward to working with the institute for the overall development of the students.

Warm regards,
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Harvard University Yale University Know Sudarshan Kriya Doctors' Take YES!+ Experiences



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Inclusion of The Art of Living workshop through Swayam Plus

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Language: English and Hindi

Registration :- Rs. 2000 per student including GST, certification and exam cost

Registrations are open throughout the year.

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SSA 59.02 To consider and decide about addition of “Incubation & Start-up” as non-conventional institute core course and increase in credits for non-conventional institute core courses

The Senate in its 46th meeting held on 10.11.2022 vide agenda item No S 48.12 approved B. Tech scheme for the students admitted in AY 2022-23 and onwards. The scheme was prepared for technical education to the students for their holistic development in line with NEP-2020, while keeping in tune with the evolving technologies and industry needs. The students studying present scheme have choice of choosing any two courses from following two groups.

Group I	Sports (SANC-101)	Yoga (SANC-102)	NCC (SANC-103)
Group II	Club (SANC-104)	NSS (SANC-105)	Technical Societies (SANC-106)

An agenda regarding policy approval for Institute Innovation, Incubation & Start-up has been placed in current Senate for consideration. In view of this, it is proposed to add another non-conventional institute core course named “Incubation & Start-up” with course code SANC-107 in group II.

Accordingly, the proposed structures of two groups will be as follows:

Group I	Sports (SANC-101)	Yoga (SANC-102)	NCC (SANC-103)	
Group II	Club (SANC-104)	NSS (SANC-105)	Technical Societies (SANC-106)	Incubation & Start-up (SANC-107)

The non-conventional institute core courses of both groups are of one credit each and continuous evaluation model is presently being followed with final evaluation at the end of 6th semester. In order to promote the student participation in these activities, it is proposed that the credits of non-conventional institute core courses be increased to 6 from 2, being followed presently. Further it is also proposed that evaluation of these courses be done at the end of each academic year i.e. in 2nd, 4th and 6th semester. Accordingly, the credit structure for 2nd, 4th semester will be changed as follows and the total number of credits for each UG program will be increased by 4.

Semester	I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Credits	No Change	Existing Credits + 2	No Change	Existing Credits + 2	No Change	No Change

The guidelines for evaluation of above courses are proposed as follows:

The grade of the students for various non-conventional institute core courses will be evaluated on the basis of following points/marks based various activities as follows:

Sr. No.	Criterion	No of points/marks
1.	Presence in events related to course	10 x presence in number of events (Maximum limit = 50)
2.	Participation in activities of course	20 x number of events in which the student participated (Maximum limit = 80)

No of points/marks accumulated by end of each academic year	Less than 40	40 to 49.99	50 to 64.99	65 to 74.99	75 to 84.99	85 to 100 (Max. 100)
Grade	F	D	C	B	A	A+

The Senate may discuss and decide.

SSA 59.03 To consider and approve the nomination of faculty member as Senate Nominee on the Board of Governors in the category of Assistant Professor.

As per Section 11 (f) of the NITSER Act 2007, one Professor and one Assistant Professor or a Lecturer (now Associate Professor and Assistant Professor) of the Institute are to be nominated by Senate on the Board of Governors. Further, as per Clause 12 (c) of the NITSER Act 2007, the term of office members nominated under Clause 11 (f) shall be of two years from the date of nomination.

The above matter was placed before the Senate at its 10th meeting held on 29th November 2007. The Senate resolved as under:

“The Senate considered the item concerning nomination of one Professor and one Assistant Professor/Lecturer of the Institute on the Board of Governors. It was decided that the nomination of faculty to the BOG of the Institute shall be two members, one Professor and one Assistant Professor/Lecturer. This nomination will be according to seniority. Also list will now continue from where the present incumbents have left/are likely to leave.”

In this matter, it is submitted that the position of the Senate Nominee on the Board of Governors in the category of Assistant Professor/Associate Professor has fallen vacant consequent upon the expiry of the two-year term of Shri Jaideep Gupta, Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, on 20th May 2026. The vacancy so created is required to be filled by the Senate from amongst the Assistant Professors of the Institute. Previously, Dr. Sandeep Santosh, Assistant Professor Grade-I, Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering was nominated as Senate Nominee member on BoG in the category of Assistant Professor and his term expired on 29th March, 2024. Accordingly, the next senior-most Assistant Professor is to be considered for nomination as the Senate Nominee on the Board of Governors in the category of Assistant Professor.

As per the Institute records, Dr. Priyanka Ahlawat, Assistant Professor Grade-I, Department of Computer Engineering, is the next senior-most Assistant Professor and is eligible for nomination against the vacancy in the category of Assistant Professor.

In view of the above, the Senate may *consider and approve the nomination of Dr. Priyanka Ahlawat, Assistant Professor Grade-I, Department of Computer Engineering, as the Senate Nominee on the Board of Governors in the category of Assistant Professor for a term of two years in accordance with the provisions of the NITSER Act, 2007. Further, the decision of the Senate may be reported to the Board of Governors at its next meeting.*

SSA 59.04 To consider the proposal to merge the Department of Robotics & Industrial Engineering with Department of Mechanical Engineering.

The Senate in its 55th meeting held on 09.04.2025 vide agenda item no. S 55.13 considered and recommended the proposal for creation of new departments of UG and PG programmes. Further, the BoG in its 73rd meeting held on 10.6.2025 vide agenda item no. BoG 73.13 approved the proposal for establishment of the departments of (i) Data Science & Artificial Intelligence (ii) Robotics & Industrial Engg. (iii) VLSI Design & Systems Engg. and (iv) Energy Science & Engg. in the Institute.

Now, a proposal has been received from the DAC of Mechanical Engg. vide letter no. MED/DAC/26/1162 dated June 05. 2026 (copy attached) regarding merger of department of Robotics & Industrial Engg. with department of Mechanical Engg. The merger of both departments was recommended unanimously after considering the facts like lack of basic infrastructure, shortage of faculty, expertise in subjects etc. The details are available in the attached minutes.

The Senate may consider and decide.

**ROBOTICS AND INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KURUKSHETRA**

No. RIE/26/278

Date: 18/05/2026

Sub: Minutes of the meeting of Departmental Advisory Committee (DAC) held on 15.05.2026.

A meeting of the Departmental Advisory Committee of RIE was held on 15.05.2026.2026 at 11.00 AM in the Conference Room of the Department.

The following were present in the meeting.

1. Prof. Dixit Garg, Professor & Chairman, DAC	In Chair
2. Prof. Punit Kumar	Member
3. Prof. Meenu	Member
4. Dr. Sandeep Singhal	Member
5. Dr. Rajiv Verma	Member
6. Dr. Dilbagh Panchal	Member
7. Dr. V.G.D.Rayudu	Member

The following decisions were taken:

DAC considered the request of faculty members of Robotics and Industrial Engineering Department for the merger of the Robotics and Industrial Engineering Department (RIED) with the Mechanical Engineering Department (MED) of the institute. This proposal was based upon the following academic, administrative, and operational factors affecting efficient functioning of both the departments:

- i. All the faculty members in RIED belong to the core Mechanical Engineering specializations, i.e., thermal, design, and production engineering. Many of these faculty members have been teaching important courses in MED for last several years and their expertise aligns more closely with MED courses. Therefore, the separation of departments undermines the overall quality of education.
- ii. The number of faculty members assigned to RIED are less than half of those pertaining to MED. However, RIED runs two UG programmes compared to one offered by MED. This imbalance in faculty numbers can be addressed only through urgent faculty recruitment in RIED, otherwise also merger is a better option.
- iii. RIED lacks the infrastructure required for fully dedicated laboratories, faculty rooms, classrooms and other essential facilities. Establishing and maintaining duplicate/separate labs for closely related disciplines require additional financial and operational resources, which could be better optimized under a unified department.

- iv. The earlier integrated structure of Mechanical Engineering Department ensured better coordination, resource sharing, and academic coherence. Reverting to this structure would significantly improve the overall efficiency and eliminate the redundancy caused by separation.
- v. Moreover, running separate departments necessitates duplicating the staff and administrative resources, leading to increased operational burden without proportional academic benefit. The shortage of staff is severely affecting the routine academic and laboratory operations. The merger would streamline processes, enhance collaboration, and improve overall productivity.

The above request was forwarded to Hon'ble Director by HoD (RIE), which in lieu was sent to HoD (Mech) for comments. HoD (Mech) further sought the comments with specific recommendation from HoD (RIE). Hence matter was put to DAC(RIE). The DAC deliberated the issue in detail and all the members unanimously opined for the merger as requested by the faculty members of RIED.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


18.5.2026
Head of Department

All DAC Members

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1. Dean (Academic)

**DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KURUKSHETRA**

No. MED/DAC/26/1162

Date: June 05, 2026

Subject: Minutes of the meeting of Departmental Advisory Committees (DACs) of Department of Mechanical Engineering and Department of Robotics and Industrial Engineering held on June 04, 2026 at 11:00 AM in the conference room of the Department.

The following members were present:

1. Prof. Pankaj Chandna	In Chair
2. Prof. Dixit Garg	Head RIED
3. Prof. Dinesh Khanduja	Member
4. Prof. V.K. Bajpai	-do-
5. Prof. Gian Bhushan	-do-
6. Prof. Vinod Kumar	-do-
7. Prof. Punit Kumar	-do-
8. Prof. P.K. Saini	-do-
9. Dr. Rajiv Verma	-do-
10. Dr. Rajeev Rathi	-do-
11. Dr. Dilbagh Panchal	-do-

Leave of Absence:

1. Prof. Meenu
2. Prof. P.C. Tewari
3. Prof. Hari Singh
4. Prof. Ajai Jain
5. Dr. Vikas Kumar
6. Dr. V.G.D Rayudu

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the DAC members of both the departments. After detailed deliberations, the following observations/recommendations were made:

Agenda 01: To consider and approve the M.Tech Dissertation titles & Panel of External Examiners (Batch of 2024-25) – All Specializations.

The DACs approved the M.Tech Dissertation titles & Panel of External Examiners (Batch of 2024-25) – All Specializations (Copy enclosed).

Agenda 02: To consider the minutes of DAC, Department of Robotics and Industrial Engineering vide letter no. RIE/26/278 dated 18.05.2026 regarding merger with Department of Mechanical Engineering.

The members considered the minutes of DAC, RIED vide letter no. RIE/26/278 dated 18.05.2026 regarding merger with MED (copy enclosed). After detailed deliberations, the above proposal was endorsed and the merger of said departments was recommended unanimously after following considerations:

- Due to lack of basic infrastructure, RIED depends entirely on Mechanical Engineering Department (MED) for all essential requirements including laboratories, offices, classrooms and other facilities. In addition, there is a critical shortage of faculty members and RIED is operating with the support of administrative and technical staff from MED. Such a situation adversely affects the confidence of

students and must be addressed on an urgent basis. The independent operation of RIED will impose significant financial burden for infrastructural development and mass-recruitment of teaching and non-teaching staff.

- The faculty members in RIED have been teaching important UG and PG courses offered by MED for last several years. Consequently, they have developed specialized expertise essential for imparting quality education to the students. However, the separation of departments and transfer of such faculty members to RIED entails significant academic loss. Further, the core competence of most of the faculty members in RIED aligns more closely with the research areas pertaining to Mechanical Engineering. Further, the separation of departments led to a serious imbalance in faculty strength leaving RIED with less than half the number of faculty members in MED.
- The merger of MED and RIED will ensure streamlined administration leading to better coordination, resource sharing, and academic coherence. Besides, the overall operational efficiency will be significantly improved along with elimination of scheduling clashes caused by separation.

There being no other agenda, the meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.


Chairman | DAC | MED 5/6/26

All DAC Members [MED & RIED]

Copy to:

1. Dean [Academics] - Agenda 02
2. Faculty In-Charge [Examination] with enclosure - Agenda 01