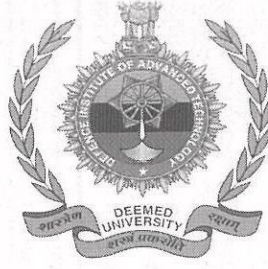


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No. DIAT/F/ADM/41th BoM/2026

Dated: 10th Feb, 2026

**All Members of the Board of Management
Defence Institute of Advanced Technology
(Deemed to be University), Pune**

**Subject: Minutes of the 41th meeting of the Board of Management held on
31/12/2025**

Dear Sir / Madam,

The Minutes of the 41th BoM meeting held on 31/12/2025, approved by the Chairman, BoM is attached herewith for your perusal and comments please.

2. It is requested that comments, if any, on these minutes may please be communicated to the undersigned by email (registrar@diat.ac.in) within one week. If no comments are received, it would be presumed that minutes as recorded are in order and further action on the implementation of the decision shall be taken accordingly.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

(Kamal Kumar Bajre)
Registrar & Secretary-BoM
Ph: 020-24604408

Encl: As above.

**To,
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4. Dr. Ganapati Joshi, Associate Prof & HoD, Department of Aerospace Engineering and Autonomous Systems, DIAT

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**MINUTES OF THE 41th MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

31st DECEMBER 2025



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MINUTES OF THE 41th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2025

ITEM NO.	AGENDA ITEMS	Remarks
41.1	Opening Remarks by Vice Chancellor & Chairman, Board of Management	VC
41.2	Action taken report on the decisions taken during the 40 th Meeting of BoM held on 01/12/2025	Registrar
41.3	Confirmation of the Minutes of the 40 th Meeting of BoM	
41.4	<u>REPORTING ITEMS</u>	
41.5	<u>AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</u>	
41.5.1	Contingency Grant- Extension of policy on financial assistance to DGQA & DPSU sponsored students and usage of contingency grant	Dean (Acad)
41.5.2	Establishment of Chair Professor at DIAT	Dean (SR)
41.6	Any other item with the permission of the Chair.	

DEFENCE INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

Minutes of 41th Meeting of the Board of Management held on 31st December 2025 from 1100 hrs in the 4th Floor Conference Room, DIAT, Pune.

The following were present:

1	Dr. B. H. V. S. Narayana Murthy Chairperson, BoM, DIAT (DU)	Chairperson
2	Prof. (Dr.) Prateek Kishore DG (ACE), DRDO HQ	Member
3	Dr. Mayank Dwivedi DG (HR), DRDO HQ	Member
4	Prof. Devang Khakkar Former Director & Professor, IIT Bombay	Member
5	Prof. B. S. Murthy Director, IIT Hyderabad	Member
6	Prof. Madhavan Mukund Director, CMI, Siruseri	Member
7	Prof. Balasubramanian K, Dean (Academics), DIAT (DU)	Member
8	Prof. Sangeeta Kale, Dean (Sponsored Research), DIAT (DU)	Member
9	Prof. Shaibal Banerjee Professor & HoD, AC, DIAT (DU)	Member
10	Dr. Ganapati Joshi, HoD, Aerospace Engg, DIAT (DU)	Member
11	Shri Kamal Kumar Bajre Registrar, DIAT (DU)	Secretary

Leave of absence was granted to Shri Vedveer Arya, Addl. FA (R&D) & AS who could not attend the meeting due to his pre-occupation.

The Chairperson welcomed all present at the meeting.

Item No. 41.1: Opening Remarks by Vice Chancellor & Chairman, Board of Management.

At the outset, the Chairman, BoM welcomed all the members and invitees.

Thereafter, the agenda items were taken up as follows:

Item No. 41.2 Action taken on the decisions taken during the 40th Meeting of BoM held on 01/12/2025.

Agenda item	Agenda items discussed	Decision	Progress / Action taken
40.5.1	Encashment of leaves beyond the ceiling limit of 300 days	The BoM RESOLVED to approve leave encashment beyond the ceiling limit of 300 days to Institute employees on their retirement from DIAT subject to the following condition: i)The provision shall be applied from the date of issuance of UGC OM dated 08.11.2023. ii)Cases prior to this date shall not be re-opened.	Action completed
40.5.2	To consider the policy of "DIAT Contributory Post-Retirement Medical Benefit Scheme"	The BoM appreciated the proposal and after detailed deliberation RESOLVED to recommend the proposal as per Annexure-40.5.2 and further RESOLVED to send the proposal to DRDO HQ for obtaining necessary approval.	Action in progress

Item No. 41.3 To confirm the minutes of the 40th meeting of the Board of Management held on 01/12/2025

It was noted that the minutes of 40th meeting of the Board of Management (BoM) held on 01/12/2025 have been circulated and no comments have been received. Therefore, the minutes of 40th meeting of the Board of Management (BoM) meeting held on 01/12/2025 was **confirmed**, as circulated.

Item No.41.4: Reporting Items:

Following reporting items were presented before the BoM:

I. Advertisement for Postdoctoral fellowship 2026.

The advertisement for "Post- Doctoral Fellowship-2026" is in process and will be published soon. Accordingly, applications will be called for. An OM on "Policy Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship" was issued vide No. DIAT/F/ACAD/OM/2021, dated 06/07/2021.

II. Award of NSP scholarship to M.Tech & M.Sc. students

S. No.	Name of the Student	Program	Department
1.	Vacchani Kunj Achyutbhai	M.Sc. Applied Physics	Dept. of Applied Physics
2.	Priyaja M P	M.Sc. Applied Physics	
3.	Neha	M.Sc. Materials Science	Dept. of Metallurgical & Materials Engineering
4.	Bhavana V P	M.Sc. Materials Science	
5.	Sakshi Anil Parkhe	M.Tech in CSE	Dept. of Computer Science and Engineering
6.	Prajakta Shrikant Kavitate	M.Sc. Applied Chemistry	Dept. of Applied Chemistry Energy & Environment.

III. Proposal of NBA Accreditation

The following departments are in the process for the NBA pre-qualifier.

- Electronics Engineering- Electronics and Communication Engg.
- Applied Mathematics- Modeling & Simulation, Data Science.
- Aerospace Engineering and Autonomous Systems – Aerospace Engineering.
- Computer Science and Engineering – Artificial Intelligence.

IV. Amendment of DRC rules on PhD Admissions

Non-GATE/Non-NET students may be admitted for PhD with the following conditions:

While going through the above item, the BoM advised following:

- i) There shall not be any differentiation in the nomenclature for PhD of quoting the students as Gate and Non-Gate.
- ii) The Non-Gate students should have compulsory PG Degree i.e. Master of Technology / Engg (M.Tech / ME).
- iii) DIAT should ensure an appropriate high standard / mechanism including suitable entrance examination for considering for PhD admission.
- iv) The scholarship for such students shall be same at par with regular PhD.
- v) It was decided that this model shall be operated initially only for engineering departments i.e. Aerospace Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Computer Science and Engineering.

Final recommendation of DRC attached as **Annexure 'A'**.

Action: Dean (Acad)

41.5 Agenda items for discussion:

41.5.1 Contingency Grant – Extension of policy on financial assistance to DGQA & DPSU sponsored students and usage of contingency grant

Dean (Acad) presented the item No. 41.5.1 before the BoM. He stated that at present, DIAT providing contingency grant to M.Tech students. The category of DGQA, DPSU, working professional not provided usage of contingency grant.

The BoM appreciated the proposal and **RESOLVED** to approve extension the financial assistance to DGQA, DPSU and working professional sponsored students for usage of contingency grant.

Action: Dean (Acad)

41.5.2 Establishment of Chair Professor at DIAT

The Dean (SR) presented the proposal Item No. 41.5.2 before BoM. She stated that the BoM in its 39th meeting at agenda item No. 39.6.3 resolved to approve the policy for Chair Professor at DIAT in principle.

She informed that a proposal has been received from 'Kinetic Group' headed by Padmashri Dr. Arun Firodia, to establish a Chair Professorship in his name with willingness to sponsor the Chair at DIAT. As per the policy guidelines Screening Committee consisting Dean (Acad), Dean (Students Affairs) and Dean (Sponsored Research) including HOD, EE, met on 30/01/2025, to consider Sh. V. G. Gujarathi (associated with industry on key position), for Deptt of EE. The Kinetic Group shall sponsor expenditure in accordance with the Model 2 i.e. Rs. 14,50,000/- (One year) of the policy for Chair Professor at DIAT for one year to begin with.

The BoM appreciated the proposal and **RESOLVED** to approve the appointment of Shri. V. G. Gujarathi as '**Padmashri Dr. Arun Firodia Distinguished Chair Professor**' at DIAT, for a period of one year.

Action: Dean (SR)

41.6 Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

There being no other agenda items, the Secretary- BoM extended vote of thanks to members of Board for their active participation and attending the meeting. The meeting concluded with thanks to the Chair.

Kamal Kumar Bajre
10/12/26

(Kamal Kumar Bajre)
Registrar & Secretary-BoM

DIAT/F/DRC/2026/01&02
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05th February 2026

**MINUTES OF THE DOCTORAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE (DRC) MEETINGS HELD ON
13TH JANUARY & 02ND FEBRUARY 2026**

1. The DRC meetings were held on 13th January & 02nd February 2026 at the Conference Room of the Mathematics Department. The following members of the DRC were present at the meetings:

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| i) | Dr. Odelu Ojjela | : Chairman, DRC |
| ii) | Dr. Manisha Nene | : Member, CSE |
| iii) | Dr. Devnath Dhirhe | : Member, Applied Physics |
| iv) | Dr. Vijay Hiwarkar | : Member, M&M Engg. |
| v) | Dr. Sunil Nimje | : Member, Mech |
| vi) | Dr. Nilesh Ware | : Member, TM |
| vii) | Dr. Pooja Agrawal | : Member, AE&AS |
| viii) | Dr. Kanak Raju Pandiri | : Member, SQT |
| ix) | Sh. Pankaj Vaidya | : Rep. CoE |
| x) | Dr. Rajesh K. Singh | : Member (EE) & Member Secretary, DRC |

Prof. Shaibal Banerjee (Member, Applied Chemistry) and Dr Ganapati Joshi (Member, AE) could not attend the meetings due to other commitments.

2. The Chairman DRC welcomed all the members present at the DRC meetings. He briefed on the agenda point of the meetings. The agenda points of the meetings are as follows:

Agenda point 1: PhD Admission for Institute Fellow with Non-GATE/Non-NET to research output.

Action: The committee discussed the admission of 'Institute Fellow with Non-GATE/Non-NET category' students in view of observing very few applications received from students with an engineering background in the last few years. The committee was concerned about the institute's research output. The committee discussed elaborately and recommended the admission with the following points:

I. A candidate with Non-GATE/Non-NET having an ME/MTech degree recognised by the Institute with at least a CGPA of 7.5/10 or 70% of marks. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS), and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the UGC from time to time.

II. Admission procedure (i.e., written test & Interview) will be the same for all categories (GATE/NET/Non-GATE/Non-NET/etc.)

III. The fellowship, contingency, and all other rules and regulations for selected 'Institute Fellow with Non-GATE/Non-NET' will be at par with GATE/NET qualified students.

IV. A Non-GATE/Non-NET/JRF/Project staff with ME/MTech, if he/she qualifies for any National Exam, He/she may be eligible for the DIAT fellowship at par with GATE/NET qualified students.

V. JRF/Project staff of DIAT/DRDO with ME/MTech who have been registered for the PhD Programme as Part-Time students and are availing a fellowship under projects and are not availing any fellowship after the project is over, may be considered as Full-Time 'Institute Fellow with Non-GATE/Non-NET' with fulfilling all criteria.

Note: All the above amendments will be finalized and implemented after the approval of the competent authority and the subsequent statutory body of DIAT.

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Agenda point 2: PhD student allotment to Faculty members (during/after probation completion).

Action: The committee decided that the PhD student may be allotted to the faculty member during their probation as per the latest UGC rules and regulations.

Agenda point 3: Clearance of the PhD admission-related file received from the Mechanical dept.

Action: A file related to the PhD admission of Shri Bhusan Lokhande, Senior Laboratory Assistant, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, was received. The committee discussed and decided that Mr Bhusan Lokhande is fulfilling all the eligibility criteria for the PhD admission. He is allowed to take admission as a PhD Candidate.

3. Since there were no other points for discussion, the meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks by the member secretary.

Rajesh K. Singh
05/02/2026

(Dr. Rajesh K. Singh)
Member Secretary, DRC

Manisha Nene
06/02/26

Dr. Manisha Nene
(Member, CSE)

Devnath Dhirhe

Dr. Devnath Dhirhe
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Sunil Nimje

Dr. Sunil Nimje
(Member, Mech)

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(Chairman, DRC)

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