

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARE SELECTION COMMITTEE 2025-2026

**Meeting Date:** February 11, 2026

**Venue:** DOAA office

**Member's Present:** Profs. Pritam Chakraborty, Soumya Ranjan Sahoo, Kallol Mondal, Malay K. Das, Sagar Chakraborty, Abheejeet Mohapatra, Ashoke De

### Consideration of FARE Applications and related requests received through applications or email discussions.

#### **FARE Fellowship Eligibility Criteria:**

- i. The student should be currently enrolled in the full-time PhD programme at IIT Kanpur. S/he should submit the thesis no later than 5 years and 6 months from the date of her/his first registration in the PhD program at IIT Kanpur. This period excludes the leave availed on medical grounds for a semester, if any.
- ii. A student interested in applying for FARE must submit an application within three months of PhD thesis submission.
- iii. S/he must have at least one accepted/published research work/paper (or equivalent work) in any reputed journals/proceedings, etc., of the level equivalent to Q1 or Q2 journals from her/his PhD research as first author at the time of application.
- iv. Journal or Conference publication mentioned in the FARE Application should have online references, such as DOI / Weblinks for consideration.
- v. Eligibility criteria for Patent Consideration:
  - Patent(s) must be part of applicant's PhD thesis work, and grant certificate should be submitted as part of FARE application.
  - The patent must have at least 25% contribution from the FARE applicant.
- vi. All the currently registered students of Y18 and onward batches are eligible to apply for FARE.
- vii. Those students of Y18 and Y19 batches fulfilling condition (i), who have already submitted their thesis but have not defended it as of the date of this office order are eligible to apply for FARE.
- viii. A one-time relaxation is being granted to Y18 and Y19 students, allowing them to be eligible for the FARE fellowship if they submit their thesis within 6 years and 6 months for Y18 students and 6 years for Y19 students from their initial registration date.
- ix. The thesis submission deadlines are as follows: Y18 – within 6 years 6 months with 12 months fellowship; Y19 – within 6 years with 12 months fellowship; Y20 (1st sem) – within 5 years 6 months with 12 months fellowship; Y20 (2nd sem onward) – within 5 years with 12 months fellowship or within 5 years 6 months with 6 months fellowship on a pro-rata basis; all deadlines correspond to the late academic registration dates of their respective semesters, excluding summer terms.

#### **Considerations:**

- Four applicants from the Department of Physics (PHY) have applied for the FARE Fellowship. Their PhD thesis work has been published in Q1 and Q2 journal.
- Two applicants from the Department of Department of Mathematics and Statistics (MTH/STA) have applied for the FARE Fellowship. Their PhD thesis work has been published in Q1 and Q2 journal.
- Four applicants from the Department of Mechanical Engineering (ME) have applied for the FARE Fellowship. One applicant's Ph.D. work is published in a conference proceeding. Another has registered part of his thesis work for a patent. The remaining two have published their Ph.D. work in Q1 journals.
- Two applicants from the Department of Electrical Engineering (EE) have applied for the FARE Fellowship. Their PhD thesis work has been published in Q2 journal.
- Three applicants from the Department of Materials Science & Engineering (MSE) have applied for the FARE Fellowship. One applicant's Ph.D. work is published in a conference proceeding. The other two applicants PhD thesis work has been published in Q1 and Q2 journal.
- Two applicants from the Department of Chemical Engineering (CHE) have applied for the FARE Fellowship. Their PhD thesis work has been published in Q1.
- Two applicants from the Department of Industrial and Management Engineering (IME) have applied for the FARE Fellowship. Their PhD thesis work has been published in Q1 journal.
- Four applicants from the Department of Chemistry (CHM) have applied for the FARE Fellowship. One of them PhD thesis work has been published in conference proceeding, and the other three applicants PhD thesis work has been published in Q1 journal.

- One applicant from the Department of Aerospace Engineering (AE) have applied for the FARE Fellowship. Her PhD thesis work has been published in Q1 journal.
- A PhD scholar from Department of Material Science and Engineering (MSE) has request to consider her for applying for FARE Fellowship seeking special consideration of eligibility under Y-18 category for FARE Fellowship.
- A Ph.D. scholar of Y-20 1st Semester from the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) has requested that her maternity leave period needs to be considered for an extension of the deadline for submitting Ph.D. thesis.
- A FARE Fellow from the Department of Civil Engineering (CE) has applied for Maternity Leave.
- A Ph.D. scholar of the Y-19 2nd Semester from the Department of Earth Sciences (ES) submitted an application requesting an extension of his thesis submission date to be eligible for the FARE Programme.

#### **Details:**

##### **Wakeel Ahmad / 20109870 / PHY**

##### **Findings:**

- Title of the Paper: Magnetoelastic coupling and magnetic anisotropy in  $\text{Sm}_2\text{CoFeO}_6$  thin film
- Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): Yes
- First Author: Wakeel Ahmad (Applicant)
- Journal Name: Physical Review B
- Journal Level: Q1 (Overall)
- Published / Accepted: Published
- Date of PhD Registration: 27-08-2020
- Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 19-01-2026
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 5 Years, 4 Months, 23 Days

##### **Archita Gupta / 20108264 / MTH**

##### **Findings:**

- Title of the Paper: On Gelfand pairs and degenerate Gelfand-Graev modules of general linear groups of degree two over principal ideal local rings of finite length
- Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): Yes
- First Author: Archita Gupta (Applicant)
- Journal Name: Journal of Algebra
- Journal Level: Q1 (Overall)
- Published / Accepted: Published
- Date of PhD Registration: 27-08-2020
- Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 22-01-2026
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 5 Years, 4 Months, 26 Days

##### **Kamal Kumar Yadav / 19205266 / ME**

##### **Findings:**

- Patent Name: Device for controlling fluid jet fragmentation and method thereof
- Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): Yes
- Applicant Contribution: 50%
- Grant Certificate Submitted: Yes
- Date of PhD Registration: 01-01-2020
- Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 12-01-2026
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 6 Years, 0 Months, 11 Days

**Ojasvi Rajput / 20108270 / STA**

**Findings:**

- Title of the Paper: Discriminating Between Weibull and Log-Normal Distributions in the Presence of Hybrid Censoring
- Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): Yes
- First Author: Ojasvi Rajput (Applicant)
- Journal Name: Quality and Reliability Engineering International
- Journal Level: Q2 (Overall)
- Published / Accepted: Published
- Date of PhD Registration: 27-08-2020
- Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 28-01-2026
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 5 Years, 5 Months, 1 Days

**Kumar Gaurav / 20105271 / ME**

**Findings:**

- Title of the Paper: Regolith dynamics on small bodies in the Solar System
- Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): Yes
- First Author: Kumar Gaurav (Applicant)
- Conference Name: Powders & Grains 2025
- DOI / Weblinks: Present
- Published / Accepted: Published
- Date of PhD Registration: 27-08-2020
- Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 29-01-2026
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 5 Years, 5 Months, 2 Days

**Mohit Sehrawat / 19204272 / EE**

**Findings:**

- Title of the Paper: Dynamic state estimator for power systems modeled by constrained differential–algebraic equations
- Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): Yes
- First Author: Mohit Sehrawat (Applicant)
- Journal Name: Electric Power Systems Research
- Journal Level: Q2 (Overall)
- Published / Accepted: Published
- Date of PhD Registration: 01-01-2020
- Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 20-01-2026
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 6 Years, 0 Months, 19 Days

**Shirish Chandrakar / 20106293 / MSE**

**Findings:**

- Title of the Paper: Mechanical Behavior of Hot-Rolled and Direct Metal Laser-Sintered Ti6Al4V Alloy in the Presence of Hydrogen
- Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): Yes
- First Author: Shirish Chandrakar (Applicant)
- Journal Name: ACS Materials Au
- Journal Level: Q1 (Overall)
- Published / Accepted: Published
- Date of PhD Registration: 27-08-2020
- Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 23-01-2026
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 5 Years, 4 Months, 27 Days

**Abhishek Kumar / 20106261 / MSE**

**Findings:**

- Title of the Paper: Creep Deformation of a Composite of Dual-Phase Medium Entropy Alloys
- Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): Yes
- First Author: Abhishek Kumar (Applicant)
- Journal Name: JOM “The Journal of The Minerals, Metals & Materials Society”
- Journal Level: Q2 (Overall)
- Published / Accepted: Published
- Date of PhD Registration: 27-08-2020
- Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 29-01-2026
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 5 Years, 5 Months, 2 Days

**Ruchi Srivastava / 21204272 / EE**

**Findings:**

- Title of the Paper: A novel fragmentation metric and fragmentation-aware adaptive routing and spectrum allocation algorithm in elastic optical network
- Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): Yes
- First Author: Ruchi Srivastava (Applicant)
- Journal Name: Optical Fiber Technology
- Journal Level: Q2 (Overall)
- Published / Accepted: Published
- Date of PhD Registration: 03-01-2022
- Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 11-11-2025
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 3 Years, 10 Months, 8 Days

**Madiha Farooq / 20102272 / CHE**

**Findings:**

- Title of the Paper: PET-Derived Carbon Quantum Dots as Nano Tracers for Sandstone Reservoirs
- Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): Yes
- First Author: Madiha Farooq (Applicant)
- Journal Name: Energy and Fuels
- Journal Level: Q1 (Overall)
- Published / Accepted: Published
- Date of PhD Registration: 27-08-2020
- Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 27-01-2026
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 5 Years, 5 Months, 0 Days

**Harishwar R / 20102269 / CHE**

**Findings:**

- Title of the Paper: Dynamics of Active SiO<sub>2</sub>-Pt Janus Colloids in Dilute Poly(ethylene oxide) Solutions
- Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): Yes
- First Author: Harishwar R (Applicant)
- Journal Name: ACS Physical Chemistry Au
- Journal Level: Q1 (Overall)
- Published / Accepted: Published
- Date of PhD Registration: 27-08-2020
- Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 22-01-2026
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 5 Years, 4 Months, 26 Days

**Kanchan Awasthi / 20214265 / IME**

**Findings:**

- Title of the Paper: Sustainable Synergy: Transforming the Textile Sector by Leveraging Industry 5.0 Enablers
- Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): Yes
- First Author: Kanchan Awasthi (Applicant)
- Journal Name: Sustainable Development
- Journal Level: Q1 (Overall)
- Published / Accepted: Published
- Date of PhD Registration: 11-01-2021
- Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 05-02-2026
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 5 Years, 0 Months, 25 Days

**Pankaj Kumar Mahawar / 20109865 / PHY**

**Findings:**

- Title of the Paper: Pattern Formation in Evaporating Polymer Solutions—Interplay between Dewetting and Decomposition
- Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): Yes
- First Author: Pankaj Kumar Mahawar (Applicant)
- Journal Name: ACS Polymers Au
- Journal Level: Q1 (Overall)
- Published / Accepted: Published
- Date of PhD Registration: 27-08-2020
- Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 30-01-2026
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 5 Years, 5 Months, 3 Days

**Jyoti / 20109276 / PHY**

**Findings:**

- Title of the Paper: Investigation of the nature of magnetic order in van der Waals magnet  $\text{Cr}_{0.31}\text{Ga}_{0.68}\text{Te}_{2.23}$
- Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): Yes
- First Author: Jyoti (Applicant)
- Journal Name: Physica B: Condensed Matter
- Journal Level: Q2 (Overall)
- Published / Accepted: Published
- Date of PhD Registration: 27-08-2020
- Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 30-01-2026
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 5 Years, 5 Months, 3 Days

**Subham / 20107311 / CHM**

**Findings:**

- Title of the Paper: Dynamics of Active  $\text{SiO}_2$ –Pt Janus Colloids in Dilute Poly(ethylene oxide) Solutions
- Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): Yes
- First Author: Subham (Applicant)
- Conference Name: ACS Physical Chemistry Au
- DOI / Weblinks: Not Present
- Published / Accepted: Published
- Date of PhD Registration: 27-08-2020
- Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 21-01-2026
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 5 Years, 4 Months, 25 Days

**Chandrani Pal / 20107273 / CHM**

**Findings:**

- Title of the Paper: Conformational Switching of a Nano-Size Urea-Bridged Zn(II)Porphyrin Dimer by External Stimuli
- Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): Yes
- First Author: Chandrani Pal (Applicant)
- Journal Name: Chemistry - A European Journal
- Journal Level: Q1 (Overall)
- Published / Accepted: Published
- Date of PhD Registration: 27-08-2020
- Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 30-01-2026
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 5 Years, 5 Months, 3 Days

**Dipak Sahu / 20109871 / PHY**

**Findings:**

- Title of the Paper: Doping-induced canted ferromagnetism in pyrochlore titanate
- Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): Yes
- First Author: Dipak Sahu (Applicant)
- Journal Name: Physical Review B
- Journal Level: Q1 (Overall)
- Published / Accepted: Published
- Date of PhD Registration: 27-08-2020
- Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 29-01-2026
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 5 Years, 5 Months, 2 Days

**Gourav Yadav / 20105267 / ME**

**Findings:**

- Title of the Paper: Investigating the sliding behavior of graphene nanoribbons
- Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): Yes
- First Author: Gourav Yadav (Applicant)
- Journal Name: Carbon
- Journal Level: Q1 (Overall)
- Published / Accepted: Published
- Date of PhD Registration: 27-08-2020
- Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 30-01-2026
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 5 Years, 5 Months, 3 Days

**Pratik Samal / 21214265 / IME**

**Findings:**

- Title of the Paper: To burn or not to burn: sustainable decisions for net-zero in agricultural supply chain
- Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): Yes
- First Author: Pratik Samal (Applicant)
- Journal Name: Journal of the Operational Research Society
- Journal Level: Q1 (Overall)
- Published / Accepted: Published
- Date of PhD Registration: 03-01-2022
- Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 29-01-2026
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 4 Years, 0 Months, 26 Days

**Kush Kumar / 20105282 / ME**

**Findings:**

- Title of the Paper: Planar nonlinear dynamics of a hanging geometrically exact beam with a moving mass
- Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): Yes
- First Author: Kush Kumar (Applicant)
- Journal Name: International Journal of Solids and Structures
- Journal Level: Q1 (Overall)
- Published / Accepted: Published
- Date of PhD Registration: 27-08-2020
- Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 29-01-2026
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 5 Years, 5 Months, 2 Days

**Gulnaz Parween / 20106292 / MSE**

**Findings:**

- Title of the Paper: High Temperature Mechanical Properties of Nano-twinned Copper
- Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): Yes
- First Author: Gulnaz Parween (Applicant)
- Conference Name: IEEE Electron Devices Technology and Manufacturing Conference (EDTM)
- DOI / Weblinks: Present
- Published / Accepted: Published
- Date of PhD Registration: 27-08-2020
- Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 30-01-2026
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 5 Years, 5 Months, 3 Days

**Anjali Negi / 20107264 / CHM**

**Findings:**

- Title of the Paper: Theoretical study of the structure and vibrational sum frequency generation spectroscopy of liquid–vapor interface of aqueous acetic acid
- Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): Yes
- First Author: Anjali Negi (Applicant)
- Journal Name: The Journal of Chemical Physics
- Journal Level: Q1 (Overall)
- Published / Accepted: Published
- Date of PhD Registration: 27-08-2020
- Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 30-01-2026
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 5 Years, 5 Months, 3 Days

**Sakshi Juyal / 20207270 / CHM**

**Findings:**

- Title of the Paper: Asymmetric Total Synthesis of (+)-Verrubenzospinolactone and (+)-Capillobenzopyranol
- Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): Yes
- First Author: Sakshi Juyal (Applicant)
- Journal Name: Organic Letters
- Journal Level: Q1 (Overall)
- Published / Accepted: Published
- Date of PhD Registration: 11-01-2021
- Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 05-02-2026
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 5 Years, 0 Months, 25 Days

**Sindhuja Priyadarshini / 20101284 / AE**

**Findings:**

- Title of the Paper: Atomization behavior of burning stable emulsion droplets
- Part of PhD Thesis Work (Yes / No): Yes
- First Author: Sindhuja Priyadarshini (Applicant)
- Journal Name: Fuel
- Journal Level: Q1 (Overall)
- Published / Accepted: Published
- Date of PhD Registration: 27-08-2020
- Date of PhD Thesis Submission: 02-02-2026
- Total Duration from PhD Registration to PhD Thesis Submission: 5 Years, 5 Months, 6 Days

**Shruti Dubey / 17506261 / MSE**

**Findings:**

The applicant is a Ph.D. scholar in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering (MSE) who has duly submitted all requisite documents. In her representation, she explains that her academic trajectory involved a formal transition from the M.Tech. program to the Ph.D. program during the Y17 summer term, followed by the commencement of Ph.D. coursework alongside the Y18 cohort. She underscores that this alignment effectively synchronized her academic progression, evaluation processes, and milestone requirements with those of the Y18 scholars. Her academic record reflects the timely completion of all major milestones, including the Comprehensive Examination (January 2019), the State-of-the-Art Seminar (June 2019), and the M.Tech. thesis defense (February 2020). She ultimately submitted her Ph.D. thesis in November 2025, demonstrating sustained academic commitment and continuity. She further submits that her doctoral journey was substantially impacted by circumstances beyond her control, notably the COVID-19 pandemic, which led to extended laboratory shutdowns, a period of personal bereavement, and severe medical adversities in 2024. Despite these challenges, she did not avail semester leave. Instead, she utilized only the sanctioned medical and personal leave available to her in order to receive full fellowship from institute. She was able to resume her research activities in July 2024. Through her request, she has specifically sought relaxation of the eligibility criteria under the Y18 cohort for the FARE Fellowship, citing her academic equivalence with that batch and her demonstrated perseverance and sustained scholarly engagement in the face of significant and unavoidable adversities.

**Anamika Singh / 20100262 / HSS**

**Finding:** The applicant, is a Ph.D. scholar from the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS), availed maternity leave during the period from 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022 to 25 February 2023. The applicant has emailed her request. She has requested that the aforementioned three-month maternity leave period be considered for an extension of her Ph.D. timeline, specifically for the purpose of determining her eligibility under the FARE Fellowship scheme.

**Surabhi Maurya / FA2503008 / CE**

**Finding:** A FARE Fellow from the Department of Civil Engineering (CE) has applied for Maternity Leave. She joined the FARE Programme on 15 January 2026 and submitted her leave request with supporting documents for a period of four months, from 27 January 2026 to 27 April 2026.

**Mishal K T / 19223261 / ES**

**Findings:** The student sought clarification and consideration on the matter, stating that he had submitted his thesis on 29 January 2026, whereas the last date for submission for the Y-19 2nd Semester cohort was 12 January 2026, and further claimed that he had been de-registered for one semester (Even Semester 2023–2024), which interrupted his Ph.D. tenure.

**Committee Decision:**

- After due deliberation, the committee recommends Wakeel Ahmad / 20109870 / PHY

- After due deliberation, the committee recommends Archita Gupta / 20108264 / MTH
- After due deliberation, the committee recommends Kamal Kumar Yadav / 19205266 / ME
- After due deliberation, the committee recommends Ojasvi Rajput / 20108270 / STA
- After due deliberation, the committee recommends Kumar Gaurav / 20105271 / ME
- After due deliberation, the committee recommends Shirish Chandrakar / 20106293 / MSE
- After due deliberation, the committee recommends Abhishek Kumar / 20106261 / MSE
- After due deliberation, the committee recommends Ruchi Srivastava / 21204272 / EE
- After due deliberation, the committee recommends Madiha Farooq / 20102272 / CHE
- After due deliberation, the committee recommends Harishwar R / 20102269 / CHE
- After due deliberation, the committee recommends Kanchan Awasthi / 20214265 / IME
- After due deliberation, the committee recommends Pankaj Kumar Mahawar / 20109865 / PHY
- After due deliberation, the committee recommends Jyoti / 20109276 / PHY
- After due deliberation, the committee recommends Chandrani Pal / 20107273 / CHM
- After due deliberation, the committee recommends Dipak Sahu / 20109871 / PHY
- After due deliberation, the committee recommends Gourav Yadav / 20105267 / ME
- After due deliberation, the committee recommends Pratik Samal / 21214265 / IME
- After due deliberation, the committee recommends Kush Kumar / 20105282 / ME
- After due deliberation, the committee recommends Gulnaz Parween / 20106292 / MSE
- After due deliberation, the committee recommends Anjali Negi / 20107264 / CHM
- After due deliberation, the committee recommends Sakshi Juyal / 20207270 / CHM
- After due deliberation, the committee recommends Sindhuja Priyadarshini / 20101284 / AE

➤ **Mohit Sehrawat / 19204272 / EE**

During its deliberations, the Committee observed that the student's DOSA registration process remained incomplete as of 12 January 2026, which was also the final date for thesis submission. The student was accordingly advised to complete the registration at the earliest. It is pertinent to note that the incomplete registration resulted in a procedural delay of five days, accounting for the intervening weekend (Saturday and Sunday). Only upon completion of the DOSA registration could the final approval of the suggested panel of examiners be obtained from the Chairperson, Senate, which was granted on 19 January 2026. The student submitted the thesis promptly on 20 January 2026, immediately following receipt of this approval. The Committee was of the considered view that the lapse in completing the DOSA registration appeared inadvertent and procedural in nature, rather than deliberate. Given that the delay was minimal, administrative, and promptly rectified upon notification, the Committee found it reasonable to condone the same. Upon careful examination of the circumstances and the overall merits of the case, the Committee has recommended Mr. Mohit Sehrawat for the FARE Fellowship.

➤ **Subham / 20107311 / CHM**

After due deliberation, the Committee recommends placing the application of (Subham / 20107311 / CHM) for the FARE Fellowship on hold pending completion of the remaining documentation. The Committee has advised him to submit the required supporting documents for the FARE Programme within three months from the date of thesis submission, in accordance with the FARE guidelines.

➤ **Shruti Dubey / 17506261 / MSE**

As communicated to the student, the final thesis submission deadline for the Y18 cohort was 27 January 2025. The applicant submitted her thesis in November 2025, placing the submission approximately eleven months beyond the stipulated eligibility window.

Even after taking into account her medical circumstances, which may reasonably have contributed to a delay of nearly six months, there remains an unexplained delay of approximately five months beyond the prescribed timeline. It is also pertinent to note that a one-time relaxation had already been extended to Y18 and Y19 students. Under this special provision, Y18 students were deemed eligible for the FARE Fellowship provided they submitted their thesis within six years and six months from their initial registration date (and six years in the case of Y19 students). The applicant's submission exceeded even this extended timeline. In view of the principles of fairness, consistency, and uniformity across all cohorts, the Committee is unable to grant any further retrospective relaxation. The delay—amounting to nearly eleven months, equivalent to two full semesters and part of a summer term—extends beyond the already sanctioned one-time relaxation and cannot be justified, even after due consideration of the personal and medical challenges cited. Accordingly, the Committee has resolved that no additional relaxation may be granted. This decision has been taken in the interest of maintaining equity and procedural integrity across cohorts and shall be final and binding.

➤ **Anamika Singh / 20100262 / HSS**

The Committee reviewed the case of Ms. Anamika Singh (20100262 / HSS) and noted that her Comprehensive Examination, conducted on 03 September 2021, took place prior to her maternity leave. Accordingly, the Committee observed that she should be given a fair opportunity to be considered for the FARE Fellowship, since the leave was availed after completion of the examination. Based on this consideration, the Committee decided that the final date for thesis submission for FARE eligibility would be 30 April 2026, taking into account 31 January 2026 as the last date of submission for the Y-20 1st Semester cohort. After evaluating all relevant circumstances, the Committee approved her request as a special case and granted an extension of three months to the final thesis submission deadline. Accordingly, she remains eligible to apply for FARE as per the applicable guidelines; however, her application will remain subject to further review in accordance with the prescribed norms for approval.

➤ **Surabhi Maurya / FA2503008 / CE**

The Committee reviewed the application of Ms. Surabhi Maurya (FA2503008 / CE) and noted that, as per the FARE Guidelines, a female FARE Fellow is entitled to a maximum of three months of maternity leave during her tenure. Accordingly, the Committee approved three months of maternity leave with full fellowship support.

➤ **Mishal K T / 19223261 / ES**

Upon detailed review of the application of Mr. Mishal K. T. (19223261 / ES), the Committee noted that the student had earlier been de-registered. It was further observed that the Institute had already extended the maximum permissible relaxations to the Y-19 batch. The final deadline for thesis submission was aligned with the late academic registration date for the 13th semester, i.e., 12 January 2026. Despite timely communication regarding the substantial extension granted to the Y-19 cohort, the student submitted his thesis on 29 January 2026. This submission exceeded the prescribed deadline by a few days and fell marginally beyond the customary 14-day grace period ordinarily permitted by the Academic Office from the last date of registration. The Committee was of the considered view that the brief delay was attributable to the disruption in his doctoral tenure resulting from the period of de-registration. The lapse was limited in duration and did not reflect a substantive extension of the academic timeline. Upon careful consideration of the circumstances and an overall assessment of the merits of the case, the Committee has recommended Mr. Mishal K. T. for the FARE Fellowship.



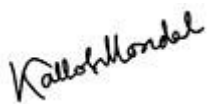
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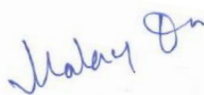
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