



## PHYSICS ACADEMY OF THE NORTH EAST

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Minutes of the PANE (Executive Body) meeting, held on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2026.

Members present: Prof. N. Nimai Singh, Dr. Samrat Dey, Dr. Debajyoti Dutta, Prof. Kushal Kalita, Dr. Debasish Borah, Dr. Abhijeet Das, Dr. Indu Kalpa Dihingia, Dr. Yubaraj Sharma, Dr. Rupak Mukherjee

Members absent: Dr. Ranjan Kalita, Dr. Yajnya Sapkota, Dr. Lalthakimi Zadeng, Dr. Nabendu Kr. Deb, Dr. Ratan Das, Dr. Manos Pratim Chakrapani Kalita, Prof. Pradip Kumar Kalita, Prof. Thongam Gomti Devi, Mr. Himanshu Bora, Dr. Pranab Jyoti Bhuyan, Dr. Shanta Singh Naorem, Prof. Syed Arshad Hussain

The meeting was held in online mode on the Google Meet platform. The chairman, Prof. N. Nimai Singh, called the meeting to order and welcomed the members. He asked Dr. Samrat Dey, the General Secretary, to take up the matters on the agenda. Dr. Dey then placed the agenda items serially for detailed discussions by the members.

**PANE(EB):2026:9MAR:01: Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 February 2026 – Dr. Samrat Dey**

Dr. Samrat Dey presented the minutes of the PANE (Executive Body) meeting which was held on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2026. Since the minutes had been circulated among the members before the meeting, the minutes were presented in brief, and the gathering approved the minutes of the meetings.

**PANE(EB):2026:9MAR:02: Matters arising out of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 February 2026 – Dr. Samrat Dey**

Dr. Dey informed the members that PANE has approached various governmental agencies and education ministries to explore funding opportunities aimed at strengthening and sustaining its activities. He further informed that he has contacted the family of Late H. C. Bhuyan to consider supporting the initiative of establishing a permanent office of PANE through generous contributions.

Dr. Dey also informed the members that the Advisory Committees for the PANE Young Scientist Award 2026 and the PANE Woman Scientist Award 2026 are expected to send their recommendations within this month. He suggested that the recommendations of the Advisory Committees may be considered final without requiring an additional meeting of the Executive Body for approval. The members unanimously agreed to this suggestion.

**PANE(EB):2026:9MAR:03: Selection of a Returning Officer and an Assistant Returning Officer for the upcoming election of the office bearers of the PANE Executive Body – Dr. Samrat Dey**

Dr. Dey proposed the names of Prof. Gazi Ameen Ahmed and Dr. Ngangom Aomoa for being the Returning Officer and Assistant Returning Officer, respectively, for the upcoming election of the office bearers of the PANE Executive Body. The proposal was accepted unanimously by the members present. Dr. Dey further mentioned that he would request them to declare the election results by 1 April 2026. Until then, the present Executive Body will function in a caretaker capacity.

**PANE(EB):2026:9MAR:04: Any other matter** (with the permission of the chair)

Dr. Samrat Dey informed the members that almost all financial transactions are completed or about to be completed, including the last pending payment related to the PANE Wikipedia page. He therefore

proposed that all documents related to financial matters be audited immediately after 31 March 2026, prior to the Foundation Day celebration. The members agreed to this proposal.

Prof. N. Nimai Singh praised the General Secretary for taking up and successfully executing several initiatives some of which the PANE had been planning for a long time. The members present also expressed their appreciation. Dr. Dey acknowledged that these achievements were possible due to the collective efforts of many members of the Executive Body and the encouragement and support provided by the President, Prof. N. Nimai Singh.

Prof. N. Nimai Singh suggested that the Vice-Chancellor of Gauhati University be invited to the next Foundation Day Celebration. He also requested the General Secretary to encourage all current members of the present Executive Body to attend the 27th Foundation Day Celebration. Dr. Dey assured the members that he would do the needful.

Dr. Debasish Borah suggested that the Returning Officer for the upcoming Executive Body election should be requested to send multiple reminders to PANE members for submitting nominations before the deadline so that a maximum number of nominations are received. This suggestion was accepted by all the members.

The President, Prof. N. Nimai Singh and the General Secretary, Dr. Samrat Dey, thanked all the members who were present in the meeting. Dr. Dey remarked that it had been a privilege for him to work with this team over the past two years. The meeting was then adjourned.

Dr. Samrat Dey  
General Secretary, PANE

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1. All the executive board members of PANE.