Areas of Research for Doctor of Philosophy (December 2024 Admissions)

Academic Division (Department/School/ Centre)	Specialization	Areas of Research	Link to Dept./ Centre/ School
Computer Science and Engineering	Computer Science and Engineering	Artificial Intelligence, Interpretability of AI and ML Models, Online Learning, Evolving and Adaptive Intelligent Systems, Data Mining, NLP, Speech processing, Computer Vision and Deep Learning, Nature-inspired Algorithms, Intelligent and Networked Robotics, Augmented/Virtual reality, Human-Computer Interaction, Distributed Systems, Edge and Cloud Computing, Wireless Networks, Software defined Networking, IoT, Smart Grid, Intelligent Transportation Systems, Network Security, Controller Synthesis and Games, Formal Verification, Logic in Computer Science, High-level Synthesis, Electronic Design Automation (EDA), ML for EDA, ML for Security, Hardware Acceleration, Embedded and Cyber-physical Systems, System-on-chip validation, Multicore Architecture, Memory Systems, Nearmemory Computing, Disaggregated Compute Systems, Approximate Computing, Autonomous Vehicles, Hardware Security, Data Structures, Algorithms, Distributed Algorithms, Randomization and Approximation Algorithms, Optimization, Computational Geometry.	CSE Department
Electronics and Electrical	Communication	Wireless Communications; Information Theory and Coding; Communication	EEE Department
Engineering	Engineering	Networks; Quantum error correction; Quantum computation and communication; Waveform design for wireless communications; Vehicular communications; 5G/6G Wireless communication: Massive MIMO, Cell-Free Massive MIMO, Orthogonal Time Frequency Space (OTFS) Modulation, Intelligent Reflecting Surfaces (IRS), Integrated Sensing and Communications (ISAC), Rate Splitting Multiple Access (RSMA); AI/ML application in communications; Adversarial machine learning; Blockchains and Cryptocurrency Technologies; Generative AI for Physical Layer Communications	
	Power Engineering	Power Systems; Power Electronics; Power Quality; Power electronics application in power system; Micro grid and renewable energy resources; Power distribution system planning; Custom power devices; Electrical Machines; Control of Electrical	

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	Microelectronics; Photonics and RF Engineering	Drives; Smart Grids and Electric Vehicles; High Voltage Engineering; High Voltage Engineering and Applied Electromagnetics; Condition Monitoring of Power Apparatuses; High voltage and Pulse power; High power density motor design; Inductive charging for EVs; Vector Control of Motors; Power system Monitoring and Control; Power System Cyber-Security; Decentralized Control for the Smart Grid, Fuel Cell-Battery hybrid energy systems. Microelectronics; Solid-State Devices; Semiconductor Devices; Optical devices; Fiber Optic Communication; Optoelectronics; Photonics Integrated Circuits; Silicon photonics; Optical Communication; Optical Networks; Optical Sensors; Nanophotonics; Biophotonics; Photonic Computing; Lidar; AI/ML-Assisted Photonic Design; Distributed Acoustic Sensors; Microwave and Photonics; Quantum Photonics; Optical Instrumentation; Programmable Photonics; Plasmonics and metamaterials and smart electrotuneable plasmonic metasystems; Structural Health Monitoring Using fiber Optics; Optical Signal Processing; Digital Holography; Phase Imaging; Laser Speckle Imaging, Fringe Projection Profilometry, Interferometry; Photonics and Metamaterial device design using AI; Metamaterials for MRI; Antenna; Microwave Engineering; Electromagnetics; Computational Electromagnetics. Reconfigurable Metasurfaces; TeraHertz Photonic Topological Insulators; Metamaterials and Metasurfaces for Advanced photovoltaics and Light emitting diodes; Antenna; Microwave Engineering; Electromagnetics; Computational Electromagnetics; Vacuum Electronics; Millimeter-wave Communication.	
	Signal Processing and Machine Learning	Data Sciences; Biomedical Signal and Medical Image Processing; Speech and Handwriting Processing; Image/Video Processing and Computer Vision; Pattern Recognition; Multimedia Analytics; Biometrics; Counter-spoofing; Security and Privacy; Biometrics and Biometric counter-spoofing; Privacy preserving analysis for secure computation; Secure key distribution and management in wireless sensor	

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		networks; Video Analytics; Vision and Language; Natural Language Processing; Deep Learning.	
	Systems; Control and Automation	Systems Theory; Control Theory and Applications; Control of Nonlinear Uncertain Systems; Artificial Intelligence based Control; Identification and Control of Nonlinear Systems; Relay Based Identification and Autotuning; Adaptive Control; Optimal Control; Robotics and Automation; Cryptography; Robust Control; Cooperative Control of Multi-agent Systems; Decentralized Control for Smart Power Grid Applications; Model Predictive Control; Reinforcement Learning; Vibration control of flexible structures; Modelling and control of mechatronic and robotic systems; Multi-agent systems and Cooperative control; Group-coordinated control of UAVs; UGVs and AUVs; Connected Vehicle Platooning; Passivity-based control and Dissipativity; Negative-imaginary systems theory; Robust control of missiles; spacecraft and rockets; Smart and Microgrid control using a multi-agent framework; Controller Design for Energy Management System in Electric Vehicles.	
	VLSI and Nanoelectronics	Solid-State Devices; Analog and RF Integrated Circuits; Digital Systems; DSP Architectures; CAD for VLSI; High Performance Computing; MEMS; Organic Electronics; Flexible Electronics; Instrumentation; Quantum Computing; Hardware Security; Sensors; Non-volatile memory technologies; Spintronics; Power Semiconductor Devices; Photodetectors; VLSI System Design; Embedded System Design; Computer Architecture; Neuromorphic Computing; In-Memory Computing; Hardware Realization of Machine Learning Algorithms; Magnetic random-access memory (MRAM); Magnetic Tunnel Junctions (MTJ); Advanced data storage technologies; Neuromorphic devices; ; Wearable Sensors; Electronic Nose; Papertronic Sensing Systems; and Sensor Interface Electronics; Quantum Photonics; Wide Bandgap semiconductors; Reliability; Photovoltaics; Energy Devices for Green Hydrogen; SAW Devices; Quantum Sensing Devices; Semiconductor Packaging Technologies; Low-Dimensional Semiconductor	

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		Devices; Single Electron Transistors; Single Photon Emitters and Detectors; Nano-	
		Bioelectronics; Light Emitting Diodes and Transistors; Transient Electronics.	
Mechanical Engineering	Machine Design		ME Department
		Modelling of heterogenous materials; Rehabilitation Robotics; Robotic	
		Neurorehabilitation; Quantum Computing in Computational Mechanics; Multi-	
		Disciplinary Design and Optimization; Operations Research; Multiscale Modelling	
		of Composites; Micromechanics and Homogenization; Application of Machine	
		Learning in Material Modelling; Rotor Dynamics; Condition Monitoring of	
		Machinery; Polymer Composites; Natural Fiber Reinforced Composites; Predictive	
		Maintenance; Generative Design; Digital Twin in Machine Design;	
		Electromagnetics; Functionally Graded Material Fabrication; FEM in Acoustics,	
		Electromagnetics and Structures; Optimization, Structural Optimization.	
	Manufacturing and	Manufacturing Engineering; Metal Additive Manufacturing Technologies; CAD /	
	Materials	CAM; Mechanical metamaterials; Impact energy absorbing materials; Metallurgy of	
		3D-printing; Natural Fiber Reinforced Composites; Polymer Composites; Repairing	
		of underwater structures using composites; AI and ML in Machining Processes;	
		Modelling of Manufacturing Processes; Digital twin in manufacturing; Composite	
		Machining; Additive Manufacturing; Electromagnetic Forming; Electromagnetic	
		Crimping; Dynamics in machining processes; Welding; Micromachining and	
		micromanufacturing; Sustainable material design; Laser based manufacturing	
		processes; Automation in manufacturing, Advanced Machining Processes.	
	Fluids and Thermal	Droplet-based microfluidics, Microscale PIV analysis of single/multi component	
		flows, Flow through plants, Analysis of flow-induced stress on plant roots,	
		Experimental investigation of flow-induced vibrations and its application in	
		renewable energy, Development of in-house flow measurement devices such as PIV	
		and LDA, Development of a microfluidic device for sustained drug release in cancer	
		theranostics, Formation and manipulation of ferrofluid droplets by external field,	
		Numerical investigation of flow-induced vibrations, Development of fluid-structure	

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		interaction solver based on spectral-element method, Supercritical heat transport system, Multiphase flow simulation using Lattice Boltzmann method, Investigation of MHD turbulence via Direct Numerical Simulations (DNS) and Large Eddy Simulations (LES), Investigation of explosive instabilities in tokamak plasmas relevant to fusion energy generation.	
Civil Engineering	Environment Engineering Geotechnical Engineering	(For Civil Engineering Department, Sub-Area is not required to be filled in the application form)	Civil Engineering Department
	Infrastructure Engineering & Management		
	Structural Engineering Transportation		
	Engineering Water Resources and Hydraulic Engineering		
	Earth System Science and Engineering.		
Biosciences and Bioengineering	Biosciences and Bioengineering	All Areas of Biosciences and Bioengineering.	BSBE Department
Chemical Engineering	Chemical Engineering	Materials Science and Engineering; Colloid and Interface Science; Catalysis, Photocatalysis & Electrocatalysis; Process Intensification; Microfluidics and Optofluidics; Energy Science and Technology; Green Hydrogen; Biological Physics; Bioengineering; Biomass Pyrolysis; Lignocellulosic Biomass and Microalgae Biorefinery; Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning/Data Science;	Chemical Engineering Department

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		Mesoscale (Micro/Nano) Science and Engineering; Environmental Science and Engineering; Petroleum Science and Engineering; Petrochemicals; Petroleum Refinery; Process Control; Multiphase flow; Advanced Computing (Molecular dynamics, Multiscale simulations, CFD, Optimization); Computational Bioscience; Quantum Chemistry; Food Science and Technology; Polymer Science and Technology	
Design	Design	Visual Communication (Including Art & Visual Culture, Semiotics, Colour, Typography, Grids, Signage Design, Graphic Design, Illustration, Animation, Multimedia, Film & Video, Visual Narratives); New Media; Design Management, Design Strategy, Product-Service-Systems (PSS); Service Design; Design For Sustainability; Design for Social Innovation; System Design; Product Design and Development; Product Aesthetics; Form Design; Human Centered Design of Emerging-Technology-Based Products; Design Cognition; Understanding/Supporting Design Processes in Various Disciplines; Design and Culture; Makerspaces; Participatory Design; Co-creation; Frugal Design and Engineering; Frugal Innovation; Inclusive Design; Design For Health and Well Being; Human Computer Interaction (HCI); Interaction and Usability Engineering; Virtual Reality (VR); Voice And Conversational User Interfaces; Assistive Interfaces; User Interaction On Flexible Displays; Deformation Based Input Methods; Information Communication Technology For Development (ICTD); Input Methods for Digital Interfaces; Ergonomics (Including Occupational Health And Safety); Design Creativity and Innovation Studies; Design Education and Pedagogy; Design for Smart Cities; Design for Children; Toy Design; Electronic Product Design; Sound Design and Sonic Studies; Speculative Design; Furniture Design; Packaging Design; Automotive Design; Design for Additive Manufacturing (DfAM).	Design Department
Physics	Physics	Condensed Matter Physics – materials physics, materials for energy storage, energy harvesting and environmental applications, ferroelectric and oxide materials,	Physics Department

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		graphene and analogue atomic thin materials, organic semiconductors, semiconducting materials, metal halide perovskite materials, photo-physics, thin film semiconductor devices, solar cells, LEDs, flexible devices, topological and low-dimensional quantum materials, electronic transport properties, imaging, smart magnetic materials, multiferroics, luttinger liquids, soft condensed matter, spintronics, statistical physics, random walk, percolation, porous media, climate physics, network, self-organization, active matters and collective motion, nonequilibrium statistical mechanics, hydrodynamics, quantum turbulence and nonlinear instabilities in BEC, strongly correlated systems, superconductivity, topological insulators, skyrmions, quantum turbulence, quantum phase transitions, ultracold atoms in optical lattices, nanomaterials and nanotechnology, polymer physics, AdS/CMT, magnetohydrodynamics, Luttinger and non-Fermi liquids, Bosonization, Machine learning in Physics Gravity, Astrophysics, and Cosmology – classical & quantum aspects of gravity, cosmology, and astrophysics – black hole physics, black hole perturbation, modified gravity in context of astrophysics and cosmology, theoretical cosmology, Early universe magneto-hydrodynamics (MHD), astrophysical flows around compact objects, X-ray astronomy of black hole X-ray Binaries, ultra high energy cosmic rays, black hole thermodynamics, quantum field theory on curved spacetime, Hawking-Unruh effect, Quantum information under relativistic regime as well as curved backgrounds, Relativistic fluid and its thermodynamics in presence of gravity. High Energy Physics – Theory and Phenomenology: dark matter phenomenology, neutrino physics, heavy flavor physics, collider phenomenology, QCD, precision calculations in the Standard Model and beyond, aspects of CP violation, matterantimatter asymmetry, astro-particle physics/cosmological connections, inflation, effective field theory in particle and nuclear physics, physics of exotic hadrons. Experimental Particle Physics: B	

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		Matter interaction, nonlinear optics, quantum optics, free space optical communication with structured light, super-resolution imaging, terahertz plasmonics and metamaterials, plasmonics materials, laser-induced breakdown spectroscopy, and plasma spectroscopy, Integrated photonic devices, Quantum optoelectronics, Non-volatile photonic memory, Bio-photonic sensor, Cavity non-linear optics, 2D polaritonics, Integrated Quantum Photonics, Laser Micromachining. Quantum Optics and Quantum Technology – cavity quantum electrodynamics, circuit QED and quantum optomechanics, cold atoms for quantum computation and simulation, coherent control of vector beam propagation	
Chemistry	Chemistry		Chemistry Department
Mathematics	Mathematics		Mathematics Department
	and Finance	Stochastic Models, Queueing Systems, Financial Mathematics, Mathematical Finance, Computational Finance, Portfolio Theory, Financial Risk Management, Financial Analytics, Sustainable Finance, Algorithmic and High Frequency Trading, FinTech.	
	Computer Science	Algorithms, Graph Algorithms, Distributed Algorithms, Machine learning-based network security and privacy, Theoretical Computer Science.	
Humanities and Social Sciences	Archaeology	All areas	HSS Department
	Economics	All areas	
	History	History of Modern India	
	Linguistics	1. Phonology & phonological processing, prosodic aspects of atypical learning, tone and intonation in languages especially Tibeto-Burman and Indo-Aryan languages.	

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		 Language processing, sociolinguistics of north eastern languages, bilingualism. cognitive linguistic study of languages (with special focus on north-eastern languages). Acoustic phonetics, Phonetics of tone languages, Phonetics of Tibeto-Burman languages 	
	Political Science	Indian politics, political theory, political thought, international relations, and election studies	
	Sociology	All Areas	
Agro and Rural Technology	Agro and Rural Technology	Thermoelectric Devices, Advanced Cookstove Design and Testing, Emission Testing, Solar PV, Biomass and Bioenergy, Renewable Energy based Device Design, IOT; Remote sensing for cropland monitoring; AI and advanced analytics for data driven agricultural solutions; spatial planning and geo-intelligence in agrorural sector; Agribusiness Management, Agribusiness Incubation, Agricultural Supply Chain Management, Business Model Innovations, Entrepreneurship Development, Application of Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Blockchain Technologies in Agri and allied sectors.; Food Biotechnology, Isothermal drying of agricultural products, Waste water treatment, Solid Waste management	School of Agro and Rural Technology
Energy Science and Engineering	Energy Science and Engineering	All the areas related to renewable energy, clean coal technology, biofuels (Biodiesel, Bioethanol etc.), biolubricants, gasification, biomass pyrolysis, microalgae, internal combustion engine, energy efficiency and advanced energy storage systems, green hydrogen through electrolysis, battery thermal management system (BTMS), green building and energy management, fuel cell and electrocatalysts, CO2 to methanol, bio-oil via CTL, solar thermal, energy material synthesis, batteries and supercapacitors. Solar photovoltaics, fabrication, characterisation & numerical modeling of Perovskite solar cells. Power electronics application in power system; Power system monitoring and Control; Control of Power Electronics Interfaces for Distributed Energy Resources and Microgrids. EV charging infrastructure, electronic design, energy computation	School of Energy Science and Engineering

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Mehta Family School of	Data Science and	and simulation, device fabrication, integrated energy systems, and multigeneration energy systems, energy modelling, AI and energy optimization, Power Systems. 1. Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Deep Learning Algorithms and	Mehta Family School
Mehta Family School of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence	Data Science and Artificial Intelligence		Menta Family School of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence

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Jyoti and Bhupat Mehta Ho		Nanoelectronics; Nanobiotechnology.	Jyoti and Bhupat Mehta School of Health Sciences and Technology
School of Business Bu	usiness	Toxicology, Large-Scale Genomics and Transcriptomic Data Analysis, Cheminformatics, Protein Engineering. Operations Research, Organizational Behaviour and Human Resource Management	School of Business

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Environment	Environment	 Water and industrial wastewater treatment technologies (membrane separation, AOPs, physicochemical methods, microalgal and microbial processes, etc.) Groundwater treatment (arsenic, fluoride removal, etc.) Nanomaterials and biomaterials for environmental applications (sensor development, catalysis, adsorbent development, healthcare, antimicrobial activity, water treatment, etc.) Solid waste management and valorization Environmental microplastics and its remediation Atmospheric chemistry of oxygenated volatile organic compounds CO₂ capture, separation, and production formation (electrochemical, photochemical, adsorption, membrane processes, and modeling & simulation studies) Radical initiated reaction with CFC alternatives, QM/ MM studies on enzyme catalysis Micro-nanobubble science and technology Deep eutectic solvent (DES) and ionic liquids(ILs) Extraction of sulphate ions from coal sludge using Ettringite precipitation Molecular dynamics simulation of biological molecules Prebiotic pathways in the extraterrestrial atmosphere Environmental genomics of fungi Bacterial isolation from nature and its uses Semisynthetic organisms with expanded genetic codes for environmental applications, Membrane development for fuel cells Intelligent integration of AI and IoT for air quality monitoring, Sustainable functional food Biodiversity and wetland ecology Eco-system services and valuation 	Centre for the Environment

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Nanotechnology	Nanotechnology	 Quantum Materials and Technology Environmental and Energy Nanotechnology Start-Up Nanotechnology Non-volatile memory Spintronics MRAM (SOT, STT) Race-track memory HDD (Hard disk drives) SSD (Solid state drives) Quantum computing Neuromorphic memory 	Centre for Nanotechnology
Linguistic Science and Technology	Linguistic Science and Technology	Natural Language Processing, Computational Phonology, Speech Analysis, Spoken Language Resources, Neuroimaging of Language disorders, Quantitative Phonetics, Natural User Interfaces, Vision and language, Vision and Speech, Document Image Processing, Virtual / Augmented / Mixed Reality, Neurocognitive response to live music with and without language	Centre for Linguistic Science & Technology
Disaster Management and Research	Disaster Management and Research	Structural health monitoring, Service Life Assessment of Structures, Low-cost housing; Sustainable construction materials; Vulnerability, adaptation and DDR in urban cluster; Transport (accessibility and disaster resilience); Earthquake ground motion characterization; Seismic resilience of structures; Seismic and blast-induced disasters; Design for disaster risk reduction; Gamification for Disaster Management; Landslide prediction and mitigation, mudflow/debris-flow; Disaster modeling using AI and Machine Learning; Deformation of metallic structures under crash loading conditions; Gender Perspectives in DRR; Non-equilibrium transport of pollutants in soil; Structural Health Monitoring & Reliability Analysis; Climate change Vulnerability & Adaptation assessment in flood and drought affected areas; Climate-smart agriculture; Community based Disaster Risk Reduction, Vulnerability & Adaptation assessment in flood and drought affected areas;	Centre for Disaster Management and Research

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		Climate-smart agriculture; Community based Disaster Risk Reduction; B5G/6G for Disaster Management; IoT for Disaster Management.	
Sustainable Polymers	Sustainable Polymers	All areas of Polymer Science and Engineering (including Organic electronics, Polymer liquid crystal, Polymer nanocomposites, Implant materials), Solid Waste Management, Agriculture, Biotechnology with Emphasis on Biopolymers, Monomers, Biocatalysis, Toxicology, Migration Studies, Polymer Ecology, Life Cycle Assessment, Polymer Product Design and Development, Orgnocatalyst, Organometallic catalysis, Green Chemistry.	Centre for Sustainable Polymers
Indian Knowledge Systems	Indian Knowledge Systems	 History of Science, Technology, and Engineering in India; Water conservation systems; Home Construction Materials; Vastu and Sidhanta/Samhita-Jyotisha Temple Architecture; Study of Instruments from Indian texts; Science and Technology of Ksheerapaka extracts; Ontological design; Herbal/Ayurvedic Medicinal Products; Integrative Medicine; Psychology and Consciousness studies; Meditation and Health; Indigenous cultivation systems and Indigenous trade 	Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems
Intelligent Cyber Physical Systems	Intelligent Cyber Physical Systems	Internet-of-Things (IoT), Sensors, Embedded Systems; Robotics, Control and Sensing: Modelling, Analysis and Design of Robotic Systems, Intelligent Sensing and Control for Autonomous Vehicles, Control of Swarm Systems, Sensor and Actuator Design; Artificial Intelligence: Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Computer Vision, Natural Language Processing, Speech and Audio Signal Processing, Biomedical Signal & Image Processing, Data Science and Analytics; Underwater Systems: Underwater Systems Design and Development, Underwater Exploration, Underwater Structural Analysis, Sonar and Underwater Acoustics,	Centre for Intelligent Cyber Physical Systems

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		Compressed Air Energy Storage, Power Electronics for Underwater Systems, Underwater Concrete Printing; Biomechanics and Biomedical Devices; Smart and Intelligent Manufacturing: Robotics Manufacturing, AI and ML in Manufacturing Processes, Digital Twin of Manufacturing Systems and processes.	
Centre for Sustainable Water Research	Sustainable Water Research	Hydrology and Water Resources Engineering (Surface Water; Groundwater; Atmospheric Water); Hydraulics; Socio-economic aspects of water; Water Economics; Water governance and policy; Transboundary water management; Sustainable Development of Water Resources; Remote Sensing and GIS application in Water Resources; Contaminant Transport; Water Filtration; Chemistry of nanomaterials for sustainable water; Pipe Networks; and allied areas related to sustainable water research.	Centre for Sustainable Water Research
Centre for Drone Technology	Drone Technology	Autonomous Vehicles: Sensors, Embedded Systems, Control and Sensing, Design and development of Drones; Artificial Intelligence: Machine Learning, Computer Vision, Signal Processing, Image Processing; Underground Exploration, Remote Sensing and Geoinformatics (Geomatics), Geodesy, Atmospheric Science, Societal problems and mitigation.	Centre for Drone Technology