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Dear Colleagues,

**Sub: GATE-2021 dates announced – Request for customizing Academic Calendar**

Greetings from IIT Bombay!

Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) is a national examination jointly conducted by IISc Bangalore and seven IITs (Bombay, Delhi, Guwahati, Kanpur, Kharagpur, Madras and Roorkee) together under aegis of MHRD, Govt. of India. GATE is an online test. This is to bring to your notice that the first meeting of the GATE-2021 committee took place on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2020, where several reforms have been announced. In this meeting, the dates of the GATE-2021 examination have been finalized as **Friday 5<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>, Friday 12<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021**. You may note that due to the present Covid-19 pandemic situation, the committee decided to schedule the GATE-2021 examination for 6 days and 12 sessions as compared to the existing model of 4 days and 8 sessions.


Therefore, I request you to plan your institute's academic calendar such that any clashes with the GATE-2021 examination dates are avoided. Also please circulate this information to all your academic units. This is to ensure that the student body aspiring to write the GATE-2021 examination is benefitted.

I am enclosing the official press release for GATE-2021, that was circulated to the press soon after the first meeting of the GATE-2021 committee for your kind information. Further information can be obtained from the Organising Chairman of GATE-2021, Prof. Deepankar Choudhury (email: chrgate21@iitb.ac.in ; mobile: 9969274031, website: <https://gate.iitb.ac.in>) of IIT Bombay.

Thanking you and with warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

Enclosure: Press release of GATE-2021 on 25-07-2020

  
(Subhasis Chaudhuri)  
Chair, NCB of GATE-2021

**The Chairman, AICTE**  
**The Chairman, UGC**  
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### **GATE – 2021**

**Mumbai, July 25, 2020:** IIT Bombay being the organising institute, it is being informed that considering the present Covid-19 pandemic situation, the dates for the GATE-2021 examination have been spread out over a longer duration as 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021. The organising team led by Profs. Deepankar Choudhury, Upendra Bhandarkar and Mohd. Aslam announced the following new initiatives to be effective during GATE-2021 (today after the first meeting of the GATE-2021 committee):

- Two new subject papers are being started: ES (Environmental Science and Engineering) and XH (Humanities and Social Sciences), making the total number of subject papers to 27.
- To boost the opportunity to study in inter-disciplinary areas, unlike in the previous year when a candidate could write only one subject paper, the candidate can now opt for up to two subject papers (from a prescribed set of combinations) that the exam calendar would permit.
- Eligibility criteria to appear for GATE-2021 is relaxed from the minimum 10+2+4 (ongoing) to minimum 10+2+3 (ongoing), enabling even those in the third year of their undergraduate studies to appear for the examination, thus providing an additional opportunity to candidates to improve their performance to secure better career options.
- Details will be available at the official website: <https://gate.iitb.ac.in>

While lauding the new initiatives of the GATE-2021 committee, Prof. Subhasis Chaudhuri, Director of IIT Bombay, said, "I am particularly delighted at the creation of much needed new career opportunities for those in the Humanities and Social Sciences area as this may serve as one single standardized criterion for admission to various masters and doctoral programs in various IITs and other universities in India. Should any agency, for example, various PSUs want to hire candidates with Humanities background, this new exam paper in GATE will prove to be a great enabler!"