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Press Release by IIT Bombay Faculty Forum

The Faculty Forum of IIT Bombay mourns the loss of life of a student of our institute, and offers deepest condolences to his family.

We strongly express our solidarity with our colleague Prof. Suryanarayana Doolla, who was discharging his duties in line with the institute's Senate approved academic policies currently in force.

Prof. Doolla, the course instructor, was invigilating in the midsemester examination from 11-00 to 13-00 on Friday 18th September 2026, when he observed that a student was indulging in an academic malpractice, viz., unauthorized possession and use of a smart-phone during the exam. As part of the institute approved procedure, he reported the incident to institute authorities for further action in the matter.

The Faculty Forum of IIT Bombay is absolutely distressed with the tarnishing of the reputation of our colleague Prof. Suryanarayana Doolla, who was merely discharging his academic duties, and following the institute approved procedures.

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Note: The Faculty Forum of IIT Bombay is a formal body of the institute, through which faculty members at IIT Bombay can voice opinions to the institute and other bodies.