

ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION
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Minutes of the 118th Executive Committee meeting held on August 14, 2018 at 11.00 am in the Visvesvaraya Meeting Room, Ground Floor, Wing 4, at AICTE Headquarters, Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi:

Following Members were present in the meeting:

1.	Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe Chairman, AICTE	Chairman
2.	Prof. M.P. Poonia Vice Chairman, AICTE	Member
3.	Ms. V. Malathi, Deputy Secretary (HE), MHRD, New Delhi	Nominee, Secretary, MHRD, New Delhi
4.	Prof. T.G. Sitharam (Chairman, SWRC-AICTE) Dept of Civil Engg., IISc- Bangalore	Member
5.	Prof. Satish Chand (Chairman, AIB - ITE) JNU, New Delhi	Member
6.	Prof. N.R. Sheth (Chairman, AIB-PE) Vice Chancellor, Gujarat Technological University	Member
7.	Dr. Saroj Kumar Special Secretary (Technical Education), Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow, UP	Member
8.	Prof. Arvind Choubey Department of ECE, NIT - Jamshedpur	Member
9.	Prof. G. P. Vadodaria Principal, L. D. College, Ahmedabad	Member
10.	Dr. Avichal Kapur Joint Secretary, UGC	Nominee of Chairman, UGC
11.	Prof. A.P. Mittal Member Secretary, AICTE	Member Secretary

Prof. Manoj Arora, Chairman, NWRC-AICTE; Prof. Chetan Vaidya, Chairman, AIB-TCP; Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser, MHRD; Secretary, Technical Education, Govt. of Tripura; Secretary, Technical Education Govt. of Utrkhand; Secretary, Technical Education Govt. of Andhra Pradesh; Prof. H.C. Verma, IIT-Kanpur; Prof. Anil Mathur, Dean, RTU, Kota; Director General, IAMR; Director General, ICAR; could not attend the meeting due to their prior engagements.

Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE welcomed all the members to the 118th meeting of the Executive Committee. The Chairman briefed the members about the following recent activities/achievements in AICTE since the last EC meeting:

1. It was appraised that the 3-week student induction program has been made mandatory and the activities proposed by Prof. Rajeev Sangal have been integrated in the AICTE Model Curriculum 2018. Around 45 successful workshops have been conducted in various parts of the country to sensitize the faculty of AICTE approved institutions about the student induction program and more such workshops will be held for wider coverage of faculty and institutions.

A 3-day Awareness Program on student induction was also organized from 29th to 31st July, 2018 at AICTE Headquarter, New Delhi under the guidance of Prof. Rajive Sangal to make AICTE officers aware about the program which was also attended by representatives from NPIU, UGC and few other institutions. This programme was very enriching and well received by all the participants.

2. AICTE was entrusted the task of conducting examinations for students of 4 Deemed-to-be-Universities by the Hon'ble Supreme Court order. This task was accomplished successfully by AICTE. The results of the examinations have been declared with an outcome pass percentage of UG ~40% and ~PG 72%. An analysis of the results reflect that PG students have performed better since they must have pursued regular UG program or passed from a better Institute/University in a regular mode. The results of UG students indicate that the engineering studies have been pursued by these students in distance education mode only after class XII.
3. AICTE has launched National Doctoral Fellowship (NDF) scheme extending scholarship to Full Time Ph.D. students, in which 150 students have been given admission in 28 AICTE approved QIP centres.
4. The scheme of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna (PMKVY) has progressed reasonably well since the last two years of its launch. It is expected that around 1.5 lakh students will join this skilling programme out of an approximate of 2.0 lakh seats approved this year.
5. The Review of Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme by Tata Institute of Social Science, School of Vocational Education -2018 indicates that the scheme has shown positive results and is in line with the objectives of the scheme. In the year 2018, approx. 3000 J&K students have joined the programme/ in process of joining.
6. Innovation Cell of MHRD has been started in AICTE. Dr. Abhay Jere of M/s. Persistent Pvt. Ltd. who led the Smart India Hackthon (SIH) 2016 & 2017 has joined as Chief Innovation Officer on secondment. Innovation Director has also joined. Innovation Index for AICTE approved institutions is being devised, which will become a significant activity of the Cell. This Cell will be formally launched by the Hon'ble HRM on 30th August, 2018.
7. AICTE has signed an MoU with Clarivate Analytics in April 2017 to promote research culture in institutions. A Research Policy document has been developed by Clarivate analytics in consultation with AICTE and is now available on AICTE web site.
8. AICTE is trying to conserve energy to the maximum possible extent and also use renewable energy; Accordingly, solar panels of 140 kW have been installed on the rooftop of its building. This initiative will immensely conserve energy and optimize costs.
9. The Digitalization of past records at AICTE Headquarters is nearing completion. The digitalization process at Regional Offices is ongoing and expected to be over in couple of months.
10. An MoU between AICTE and Internshala was signed in April, 2017 to facilitate internship for students. To encourage institutions to award internships to students, an Internship Day is being celebrated by Internshala on 25th August - 2018 at AICTE wherein institutions will be conferred awards/trophies for providing large number of internships.
11. A compilation of events and activities of AICTE have been finalized in the form of a Coffee Table Book (CTB). The expected release date of this CTB is 5th September, 2018.
12. The members were informed about the participation of Prof. Rajive Kumar, Adviser (P&AP Bureau) and Prof. Dileep N. Malkhede, Adviser (RIFD Bureau) as delegates from AICTE in the Indian Higher Education Knowledge Delegation to the United States of America from 6th to 12th August, 2018.

Members appreciated the efforts made by team AICTE for such successful initiatives. Further the members applauded on knowing about extension of Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe as Chairman, AICTE for another term of three years. All members expressed their pleasure and bestowed best wishes to the Chairman and hoped that AICTE shall scale new heights under the leadership of Prof. Sahasrabudhe.

The following Agenda Items were taken up thereafter for consideration:

Item No. 118.01.01 : To confirm the minutes of the 117th meeting of the Executive Committee held on June 14, 2018.

The Executive Committee confirmed the minutes of the 117th meeting of the Executive Committee held on April 26, 2018.

Item No. 118.02.01 : To receive a note on action taken on the decisions taken and recommendations made in the 117th meeting of the Executive Committee held on June 14, 2018.

The Executive Committee received the note on action taken on the decisions taken in the 117th meeting of the Executive Committee held on April 26, 2018.

Item No. 118.03.01 : To consider and approve the proposal for grant of 'Graded Autonomy to AICTE approved standalone PGDM institutions.

The Executive Committee deliberated on the proposal and appreciated the tasks accomplished by the Committee and its recommendations in terms of various benchmarking parameters for grading AICTE approved PGDM institutions. The EC decided that these recommendations may be sent to National Board of Accreditation (NBA) for an appropriate inclusion of the same in the accreditation procedure for standalone PGDM institutions.

The Executive Committee also approved the proposal of granting graded Autonomy to AICTE approved standalone PGDM institutions as Category-I for those institutes whose at least three programmes are accredited with a score of 750 marks & above out of 1000 marks and Category-II for those institutes whose at least three programmes are accredited with a score of 700 & above out of 1000 marks. The EC further decided that AICTE will decide what benefits would be extended to these institutes and bring in an agenda in the next meeting.

Item No. 118.03.02 : To consider and approve tentative expenses to be incurred for organizing visit of female lead Tech Start-ups to Canada under Canada-India Acceleration program.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal for granting Rs.10.00 lakhs for incurring expenses towards organizing visit of female lead Tech Start-ups to Canada during September-October 2018, under the Canada-India Acceleration Program (CIAP) from AICTE's own funds.

Item No. 118.03.03 : To consider and approve the changes suggested by AICTE and British Council on Leadership Development Workshop under UKIERI Phase-III for the AY 2018-19.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposed changes in the Leadership Development Workshop under UKIERI Phase-III for the AY 2018-19. The EC also noted and approved the following:

- 1) Proposal of cost involved for organizing the UK visit for 20 faculty members wherein travel cost till UK and return will be borne by AICTE and their stay, local travel and other logistics will be borne by British Council; and**
- 2) Selection of participants to be jointly decided by AICTE, British Council and Dudley College.**

Item No. 118.03.04 : To consider and approve recommendations of the Committee constituted to evaluate the applications submitted by NEEM applicants.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the recommendations of the Committee constituted to evaluate the applications submitted by NEEM applicants, wherein ten applications were recommended for registration as NEEM facilitators.

The EC suggested that the cases which were either not recommended or were absentees or were having deficiencies should be explicitly communicated the grounds / reasons thereof. FAQs on NEEM may be updated on AICTE website to ensure facilitation to stakeholders.

The EC further suggested that the existing criteria/norms pertaining to NEEM may be revisited.

Item No. 118.03.05 : To consider and approve re-designation of the post of DEO Gr-I to Technical Assistant-Computer in the Council.

The Executive Committee was informed that designation, Technical Assistant-Computer with the same substantive Grade-Pay as that of DEO Gr-I, already exists in the RRs of Delhi University. The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal to re-designate the regular incumbents DEO Gr-I to Technical Assistant-Computer, as no financial liability arise on AICTE due to this change. This change may be informed to MHRD.

Item No. 118.03.06 : To consider and approve according status of "AICTE approved NDF Research Centre" to well performing institutes for running PhD programme.

The Executive Committee deliberated and appreciated introducing National Doctoral Fellowship (NDF) scheme, by AICTE, for promoting research for full time Ph.D students with fellowships not from AICTE but from these well performing institutes or from industries where the students will do the research work.

The EC approved the proposal of according status of "AICTE approved NDF Research Centre" to well performing institutes for running PhD programme as per the suggested criteria and details mentioned in the agenda. These centres should also do mentoring of nearby colleges and shall be eligible to apply for Margadashan scheme. Further, it was decided to extend NDF to Universities / Deemed-to-be-Universities.

Item No. 118.03.07

: To consider and approve framing of AICTE (Open and Distance Learning Regulations) Regulations, 2018 for Standalone Institutions.

i) The Executive Committee was informed about the status of framing of AICTE (Open and Distance Learning Education) Regulations, 2018 for Standalone Institutions as per the decision of 112th EC meeting wherein a committee was constituted under the chairmanship of Prof. Sanjay Dhande, Ex-Director, IIT Kanpur to frame ODL regulations in compliance to the directives from MHRD. 'Standalone Institutions' mean those institutions which are not affiliated to any of the Universities and imparting education by means of conducting regular courses or through open and distance learning systems, leading to Diploma, Post Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate and Post Graduate Diploma levels in Management and allied areas and computer applications (as defined in APH of AICTE). The Executive Committee considered the recommendations of the Committee and the Regulations drafted by the Committee. The Executive Committee deliberated on various provisions of the Regulations, as applicable to the Standalone Institutions and also referred UGC(ODL) Regulations, 2017 from the perspective of maintaining sanctity of admissions, examinations, learning materials, learning support centres, territorial jurisdiction and effective use of ICT. The EC approved the Draft Regulations AICTE (Open and Distance Learning Education) Regulations, 2018 for Standalone Institutions with minor modifications. These regulations will be sent to MHRD for their views before finalizing and issuing gazette notification.

ii) The EC also noted the communication received from the UGC D.O. No. F.1-13/2013(DEB-1) dated 13.8.18 requesting AICTE to formulate and notify recognition methodology for recognizing professional programmes to be conducted by Higher Educational Institutions[HEIs] in ODL mode. Also, under Item No. 73.03.12 of the 73rd Executive Committee meeting held on March 20, 2012, wherein the Executive Committee accepted the report and recommendations of the five-member Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. Anandkrishnan, Chairman, BoG- IIT-Kanpur, for various aspects of Distance Education in Technical Education. This Committee, vide its report and recommendations has mentioned that only those programmes, which do not involve extensive practical course work, shall be permissible through distance mode. Thus implying that programmes in Engineering

& Technology, Pharmacy, Architecture, Hotel Management and Arts & Crafts, which contain extensive practical/laboratory work cannot be permitted to run under distance mode. Whereas, programmes under Management (MBA, Diploma and Post Diploma in management, PGDM, PGCM), Computer Applications (MCA, PGDCA) and Travel & Tourism (Degree, Diploma, Post Graduate Diploma) can be permitted for conducting courses under distance mode. Further, consequent upon dissolution of Distance Education Council (DEC) of IGNOU in May 2013, powers of conferring distance education were vested with UGC vide MHRD's OM dated 16th May, 2013. Subsequently, UGC continued permitting distance mode of education in MBA, MCA and Travel & Tourism only. Thus the consistent stand of AICTE that distance education in Engineering & Technology, Architecture, Pharmacy, Arts & Craft and Hotel Management cannot be permitted, is maintained. After detailed deliberations, the EC inferred that the technical programmes i.e. M.B.A(Various Disciplines), M.C.A, Diploma/Degree in Travel and Tourism in Open and Distance Learning mode have been proposed by the HEIs; Central Universities, State Universities, State Open Universities, State Private Universities, Deemed-to-be Universities and Indira Gandhi National Open University.

After detailed deliberations in the matter, the Executive Committee decided the following:

- 1) Keeping in view the provisions of the AICTE Act, which mandates approval of AICTE for affiliated colleges and Deemed-to-be-Universities, through the judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court in CA No. 17869-17870/2017 & also CA No. 17902-17905/2017, dated November 3, 2017 the Central Legislated Universities and State Legislated Universities including Open Universities are exempted from seeking approval from AICTE to run programmes in MBA, MCA, Diploma/Degree in Travel and Tourism in ODL mode. However, Universities shall have to adhere to norms & standards announced by AICTE from time to time and an affidavit stating that the university is observing norms & standards of AICTE, must be submitted to the UGC. For all such Universities, the AICTE approval shall be considered as deemed to have been accorded for running ODL programmes in the MBA, MCA, Travel and Tourism disciplines. However, in case of violation of AICTE norms, AICTE shall communicate its observations and recommendations to the University Grants Commission (UGC) to initiate actions including withdrawal of Programme recognition and take further actions as per provisions of UGC (ODL) Regulations 2017 and amended from time to time.
- 2) All the Deemed-to-be-Universities notified by UGC as Category-I institutions as per UGC (Categorization of universities (only) for grant of graded Autonomy)

Regulations, 2018 shall be exempted from seeking approval from AICTE for the programmes mentioned in Sl. No. 1 above i.e. MBA, MCA, Diploma/Degree in Travel and Tourism. However, such Deemed-to-be-Universities shall have to adhere to norms & standards announced by AICTE from time to time and an affidavit stating that the deemed-to-be university is observing norms & standards of AICTE, must be submitted to the UGC. For all such UGC notified Category-I Deemed-to-be-Universities, the AICTE approval shall be considered as deemed to have been accorded for running ODL programmes in MBA, MCA, Diploma/Degree in Travel and Tourism. However, in case of violation of AICTE norms, AICTE shall conduct inspection and submit its observations and recommendations to the University Grants Commission (UGC) to initiate actions including withdrawal of Programme recognition and take further actions as per provisions of UGC (ODL) Regulations.

3. For all other Deemed-to-be-Universities other than Category-I Deemed-to-be-universities as mentioned at point (2) above, interested in running ODL programs in MBA, MCA and Travel & Tourism, AICTE shall invite applications and such Deemed-to-be-Universities shall submit applications online on the AICTE web portal within notified deadline and shall be processed as per laid down procedure, duly notified by AICTE. AICTE will forward the recommendations to UGC for further necessary action in the matter.

Item No. 118.03.08

: To consider and approve Extension of Approval (EOA), Offline, to Missile Specialist Course at Technical Training Institution, Defence Research & Development Organization (DRDO) Complex, Bada Mafi, Hyderabad, South Central Region.

The Executive Committee considered and approved granting Extension of Approval (EOA), Offline, to Missile Specialist Course at Technical Training Institution, Defence Research & Development Organization (DRDO) Complex, Bada Mafi, Hyderabad, South Central Region.

The EC suggested that the said institute be advised to apply/submit details on the AICTE portal as well. However, AICTE will ensure that information submitted by the institute on the portal will not be visible in the public domain, being an institute of M/o Defense to maintain confidentiality.

The Regional Offices (ROs) of AICTE may be advised to compile a list of institutes of national importance and inform them that all such institutes have to apply online within indicated deadline. The ROs will play a pro-active role in informing (via email etc.) such institutes about the commencement & other details of the approval process annually and that all such institutes have to apply online within indicated deadline. This will enable these institutions to adhere to the calendar/time table for EoA etc. as per the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Item No. 118.03.09 : To deliberate and decide about the action to be taken against defaulting AICTE approved Institutions from payment of loan to Public Sector Banks/ Financial Institutions.

The Executive Committee discussed on the issue of difficulty being faced by the Public Sector Banks that AICTE approved Institutions are not promptly repaying the loan availed by them in connection with providing infrastructure and other facilities in the institutes as mentioned in the proposal.

The EC decided that an appropriate clause may be incorporated in the APH for such defaulter institutions who are unable to make payment towards loan availed. The FDR(s) of such defaulter institutions will be released with mutual consent of AICTE and the Public Sector bank/financial institution.

Item No. 118.03.10 : To consider and approve the proposal to insist for NBA accreditation to more than 60% of the courses run by a technical institution within next four years.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal to insist on NBA accreditation for more than 60% of the courses run by a technical institution within next four years. The EC decided that this criterion may be inserted as an appropriate clause in the forthcoming APH, with a punitive clause for non-compliance by institutions.

Item No. 118.03.11 : To consider and approve the condemnation of items(non-consumable) which are obsolete and unserviceable lying at NRO, AICTE, Kanpur and deletion of the auctioned items from the DSR/Stock Register.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the condemnation of items (non-consumable) which are obsolete and unserviceable lying at NRO, AICTE, Kanpur. The EC further approved the following:

- 1. Write off/ dispose of obsolete and unserviceable items(non-consumable) from the DSR/Stock Register.**
- 2. Write off/ deletion of the obsolete and unserviceable item from the balance sheet & Assets register by the Finance Section of NRO Kanpur.**

Item No. 118.03.12 : To consider and approve AICTE sponsorship of prize/award money for student competitions for the 2nd INAE Youth Conclave to be held at IIT Kharagpur during 11-12, August 2018.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal for AICTE sponsorship of prize/award money for student competitions for the 2nd INAE Youth Conclave held at IIT Kharagpur during 11-12, August 2018.

- Item No. 118.03.13** : To consider and approve the proposal to grant approval to Deemed to be Universities for AY 2018-19, running Technical Programs/Courses falling under Category-I and Category-II.

The Executive Committee deliberated and approved the proposal to grant approval to Category-I and Category-II Deemed-to-be-Universities conducting Technical Programs/Courses for AY 2018-19 as per the UGC Notification dated 12-02-2018, regarding Graded Autonomy. Since these Deemed Universities did not apply on the AICTE web portal, the information may be obtained from these Universities about the programmes/courses being run, number of seats in each programme, number of faculty on roll, land and infrastructure availability etc. The AICTE shall open its web portal for receiving the information from these universities. These Universities will update information on annual basis on the AICTE web portal.

- Item No. 118.03.14** : To consider and approve the draft MoU proposed to be signed between AICTE and D4E Network Pvt. Ltd.

The Executive Committee considered the proposal of D4E Network Pvt. Ltd which has developed a mobile app to benefit the stakeholders of talent eco-systems free of cost. The EC noted that this mobile app is a Global connect to benefit students, industries, institutions, experts etc. The EC approved the draft MoU to be signed between AICTE and D4E Network Pvt. Ltd. The EC suggested that an e-mail may be sent to all institutions for awareness and post this information on AICTE website.

Table agenda:

- Item No. 118.03.15** : तकनीकी पाठ्यपुस्तक पुरस्कार वितरण समारोह में 'तकनीकी पाठ्यपुस्तक पुरस्कार योजना' के पुरस्कारों की राशि बढ़ाने एवं विजेताओं को हवाई यात्रा (किफायती श्रेणी)/रेल यात्रा (वातानुकूलित-2 श्रेणी) के यात्रा व्यय प्रदान करने हेतु विचारार्थ एवं अनुमोदनार्थ प्रस्तुत है।

कार्यकारिणी समिति ने संशोधन पर विचार करते हुए तकनीकी पाठ्यपुस्तक पुरस्कार वितरण समारोह में 'तकनीकी पाठ्यपुस्तक पुरस्कार योजना' के पुरस्कारों की राशि बढ़ाने एवं विजेताओं को हवाई यात्रा (किफायती श्रेणी)/रेल यात्रा (वातानुकूलित-2 श्रेणी) के यात्रा व्यय प्रदान करने हेतु प्रस्ताव को अनुमोदन प्रदान किया।

- Item No. 118.03.16** : To consider, deliberate on the proposal for starting new B.Tech programme in Computer Science and Business System, designed by TCS.

The Executive Committee deliberated and approved the proposal for starting new B.Tech programme in Computer Science and Business System, designed by TCS and the same may be updated on the AICTE portal in the existing list of nomenclature of various courses / disciplines. Based on the recommendations of the UG Board of Studies the EC suggested that TCS be informed about including all mandatory courses such as environmental science, Constitution of India and Essence of Indian Knowledge tradition of the model curriculum.

Items for ratification:

Item No. 118.04.01 : To ratify the release of payments by SWAYAM Cell and other major activities undertaken towards development of SWAYAM Platform for hosting the MOOCs.

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 118.04.02 To ratify the Selection of specialized manpower in the Innovation Cell of MHRD, Govt. of India to be operated from AICTE.

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 118.04.03 To ratify the decision to grant 60 intakes in B. Pharma Course to Institutions who were granted 50 intake earlier.

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 118.04.04 To ratify the approvals issued in respect of institutes based on various reasons such as Court orders, recommendation of the SAC etc.

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 118.04.05 To ratify the approval granted to institutions for additional D. Pharma. Course for the AY 2018-19.

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 118.04.06 : To ratify hiring of interns under internship program of students working in RIFD Bureau of AICTE.

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Items for Information :

Item No. 118.05.01 : To receive a note on the setting up of new AICTE supported Quality Improvement Centers (QIP).

The Executive Committee received the information.

Item No. 118.05.02 : To receive information on the appointments and joining of erstwhile employees of NTMIS Nodal Centre Mumbai in the Supernumerary posts created.

The Executive Committee received the information.

Item No. 118.05.03 : To receive a note on Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme (PMSSS) for J&K Students.

The Executive Committee received the information.

Item No. 118.05.04 : To receive a note on implementation of EC decision regarding NPTEL MOOCs Advanced Courses to be considered for faculty promotions under CAS.

The Executive Committee received the information.

Item No. 118.05.05 : To receive a note on 3-days/7-days Faculty Development Program on student Induction (FDP-SI) organized in various cities in the country.

The Executive Committee received the information.

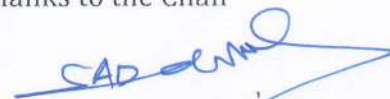
Item No. 118.05.06 : To receive a note on the status report on examination conducted by AICTE-UGC for 4-listed Deemed to be Universities as per direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court decision dated 03.11.2017 in CA Nos. 17869-17870/2012 arising out of Special Leave Petition (C) Nos. 19807/19808/2012.

The Executive Committee received the information.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair



(Prof. A.P. Mittal)
Member Secretary



(Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe)
Chairman