

**ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION**  
Nelson Mandela Road, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi 110 070

**Minutes of the 124<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting held on April 08, 2019 at 10.30 am in the Bhaskara Meeting Room, First 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.	Shri Prashant Agarwal, Director (TE), MHRD, Govt. of India, 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, Ahmedabad	Member
7.	Shri Saju Vaheed A., Director (HE), Govt of Tripura	Nominee, Secretary (TE/HE) Govt. of Tripura
8.	Shri Manoj Kumar Director, IRDT Deptt. of Technical Education, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow, UP	Nominee, Secretary (TE/HE) Govt. of Uttar Pradesh
9.	Ms. K. Damayanti Principal Secretary Department of Technical Education, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh	Member
10.	Prof. Anil Mathur, Dean, Engineering & Technology Rajasthan Technical University, Kota	Member
11.	Prof. G. P. Vadodaria Principal, L. D. College, Ahmedabad	Member
12.	Prof. A.P. Mittal Member Secretary, AICTE	Member Secretary

Prof. Uday Kumar, Chairman, NWRC, AICTE; Prof. Chetan Vaidya, Chairman, AIB-TCP, AICTE; Joint Secretary/ Financial Adviser, MHRD, New Delhi; Secretary, Technical Education Govt. of Uttarakhand; Prof. H.C. Verma, IIT-Kanpur; Prof. Arvind Choubey, Department of ECE, NIT – Jamshedpur; Chairman, UGC; Director General, IAMR; Director General, ICAR; could not attend the meeting due to their prior engagements.

At the outset, Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE welcomed all the members to the 124<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee.



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The following Agenda Items were taken up for consideration, deliberations and decisions taken as under:

**Item No. 124.01.01** : To confirm the minutes of the 123<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee held on March 27, 2019.

**The Executive Committee confirmed the minutes of the 123<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee held on March 27, 2019.**

**Item No. 124.02.01** : To receive a note on action taken on the decisions taken and recommendations made in the 123<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee held on March 27, 2019.

**The Executive Committee received the note on action taken on the decisions taken at the 123<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee held on March 27, 2019.**

**(Approval Bureau)** During reporting of Item No. 123.03.10, the EC opined that the EoA be issued to 3284 nos. of existing institutions for the AY 2019-20 on priority basis.

**Item No. 124.03.01** : To consider the grant of approval through Single Application Form for the following for the A.Y 2019-20 under Chapter II of APH:

**(Approval Bureau)**

- a. Extension of Approval to the existing Institutions/ Continuation of approval after a break in the preceding Academic Year(s)/ Restoration of Intake
- b. Extended EoA
- c. Increase in Intake/ Additional Course(s)
- d. Introduction of Integrated/ Dual Degree Course
- e. To start Diploma in Degree Pharmacy Institutions and vice-versa
- f. Merger of Institutions under the same Trust/ Society/ Company operating in the same Campus
- g. Closure of the Institution
- h. Conversion of Management Institutions running PGDM Course into MBA Course
- i. Conversion of Second Shift Course(s) into First Shift Course(s)
- j. Closing of MBA Programme and Introduction of MCA Programme and vice-versa
- k. Introduction/ Continuation of Fellowship Programme in Management
- l. Introduction/ Continuation of supernumerary seats for Foreign Nationals/ Overseas Citizen of India (OCI)/ Persons of Indian Origin (PIO)/ Children of Indian Workers in Gulf Countries
- m. Introduction of Non Resident Indian(s) seats
- n. Change in the Name of the Course(s)/ Merger of the Courses/ Reduction in Intake/ Closure of Programme(s)/ Course(s)/ Merger of Lateral Entry Separate Division in Second Year Engineering and Technology/ MCA to First Year Regular Courses
- o. Change in the Name of the Institution or affiliating University/Board
- p. Change in the Name of the Bank
- q. Change in the Name of the Trust/ Society/ Company.



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The Executive Committee considered the recommendations of the SHC relating to grant of approval of applications under Chapter-II of APH 2019-20. The EC approved granting Extension of Approval (EoA) to 1031 nos. of existing institutions based on self-disclosure. The EC noted that during 123<sup>rd</sup> EC meeting held on March 27, 2019, 3284 nos of institutions have already been granted EoA, thus totaling to 4315 nos. of EoAs granted to existing institutions.

The EC opined that processing of the remaining cases of Chapter II, as per APH 2019-20 should be completed at the earliest and be placed before the ensuing EC meeting.

**Item No. 124.03.02** : To consider and approve the proposal of AICTE in the cases of Government Institutions.

(Approval Bureau)

The EC was informed that appx. 595 nos. of Government institutions are deficient in faculty apart from other deficiencies such as infrastructure, land etc. The EC was also informed about the issues related to recruitment of faculty in the absence of clarity on implementation of reservation quota. UGC has now given directions after an ordinance was issued by the Central Government. However, due to code of conduct, there would be some delay in actual recruitment.

As per 123<sup>rd</sup> EC decision, state governments have been written for the compliance of deficiencies.

The Executive Committee deliberated on the proposal of granting Extension of Approval (EoA) to 1321 nos. of government institutions who otherwise have deficiencies. After deliberations, the EC decided that based on the commitments received from respective State Governments for compliance of deficiencies, a committee of three academicians be constituted and severity of deficiencies be assessed. If deficiencies are severe in nature, appropriate action, ranging from reduction of intake between 10 to 20% be imposed.

**Item No. 124.03.03** : To consider and approve the budget of Hardware edition of Smart India Hackathons (SIH)-2019.

(MIC)

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposed budget of Rs.5.465 crores for hardware edition of Smart India Hackathon (SIH)- 2019 to be conducted at 30 centers in the country for five days. This is a hardware product development competition, where students will work towards development of working prototype for the problem statements provided by different Ministries/Industries.

**Item No. 124.03.04** : To consider the proposal of granting approval to TISS- SVE Vocational Courses.

(Skill Development Cell)

The Executive Committee considered the proposal of granting Vocational courses to TISS-SVE in hub & spoke model which are not in vogue in AICTE. The EC was informed that TISS is a Category-I institute as per the notification issued by the UGC and also has the

NAAC score of 3.89, however, TISS-SVE does not have AICTE approval for any of the courses as yet. The EC was further informed that a Committee of members from MHRD, UGC and AICTE is already looking into these aspects and therefore, the Executive Committee decided that a decision on this proposal will be taken subsequent to the recommendations of the said Committee.

**Item No. 124.03.05** : To consider and approve AICTE-Globalink Research Internships-Mobility of Undergraduate Students in India for Research in Canada.

**(RIFD Bureau)**

The Executive Committee deliberated on AICTE-Globalink Research Internships-Mobility of Undergraduate Students in India for Research in Canada and approved the following

- (i) 64 students selected by the MITACS for Globalink Research Internships, as referred in the agenda shall pursue internship in Canada.
- (ii) MITACS shall contribute to the extent of \$7913 CA per student which is about 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the expenses incurred on each student along with procuring medical insurance.
- (iii) Amount of \$192000 CA as contribution to MITACS for 64 students @\$3000CA per student selected by the MITACS under the AICTE-MITACS GRI Scheme. The amount shall only be released after the MITACS furnishes student wise joining details. Further the effective conversion rate of rupee to Canadian Dollar shall be taken on date of release by the AICTE.

The EC opined that based on the feedback on the international exposure of the students, in future AICTE may consider to include more students under this scheme.

**Item No. 124.03.06** : To consider and approve the Utilization of AICTE consolidated funds for release of Grant-in-Aid under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana for Technical Institutes (PMKVY-TI) 2018-19.

**(Skill Development Cell)**

The Executive Committee was informed that the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana for Technical Institutes (PMKVY-TI) was launched in 2016 for AICTE approved institutes on the direction of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India under Plan Scheme to be funded by Ministry. Under the Scheme, the institutes have to utilize the existing infrastructure for imparting the skill training based on the qualification packs (job roles) as approved under NSQF. The overall aim is to help the unemployed, particularly, school dropout youth to acquire certification that shall help them in securing jobs. The scheme has been monitored at the highest level (Ministry) and suggestions/changes to improve the scheme over the years have been incorporated from time to time.

During the AY 2016-17 the training was imparted to 34760 students at 661 institutes. During the AY 2017-18 the enrollment was given to 81419 students in 945 institutes. During AY 2018-19, 205574 students were enrolled in 1151 institutes.

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The Grant-in-Aid to the institutes are released in the ratio of 30:30:20:20 (on admission, course completion, examination & certification and employment) based on PMKVY-TI Guidelines as approved by the Ministry. Further for AY 2018-19, the Ministry on the basis of the National Steering Committee (NSC) has issued additional guidelines to include the monitoring of Biometric attendance. This attendance record shall thus be checked prior to release of second installment.

Further, AICTE has also randomly selected 40 institutions running the Scheme for last three years to be visited to ascertain the adherence to the guidelines and instructions as issued from time to time.

The Ministry has so far released a sum of Rs. 95.50 crores till date. Further the Ministry vide letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 had authorized AICTE to utilize the fund of Rs. 35.00 crore from consolidated fund which shall be subsequently replenished. Against the same an amount of Rs. 6.00 crores were released vide MHRD sanction order dated 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2019. Subsequently the Ministry vide their letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 has directed AICTE to '*use its resources where necessary for completing the programme subject to reimbursements*'.

The Executive Committee deliberated on the proposal and approved utilization of AICTE consolidated funds for release of Grant-in-Aid under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana for Technical Institutes (PMKVY-TI). Further, it was also resolved that the above scheme shall not be continued further after the current liabilities are addressed and programme is fully concluded.

Item No. 124.03.07 : To consider and approve the release of award money from the MIC's budget to the winning teams for MSMEs problem statements.

(MIC)

The Executive Committee was informed that SIH- 2019 was organized on March 2-3, 2019 and from Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) problem statements, a total of 35 winner teams were selected. The EC was also informed that MSMEs are not capable of releasing the award money to the winner students. The EC deliberated that SIH is a good and innovative concept for motivating students and MHRD has proposed to pay the award money to the winning teams from MIC's budget. The EC approved release of Rs. 22,25,000/- to the winning teams for MSMEs problem statements from the MIC 's budget, which is presently being supported from AICTE funds, till the release of MIC funds by MHRD.

Item No. 124.03.08 : To consider and approve the proposal of AICTE to form EVC through offline mode for physical verification of New Institutes of AY 2019-20 who have been granted LOI.

(Approval Bureau)

The Executive Committee was informed that large number of applications for establishment of new institutions have been received, more than 800 EVCs are to be conducted and majority of them are from Pharmacy discipline. Experts as senior faculty from Government Institutions/ NITs/ IITs/ Universities are deputed in

the EVC teams, however, this year there is scarcity of experts from Government institutions due to election duties and their commitment as experts in Scrutiny/ EVC/ SHC/ SAC, resulting in difficulty in formation of online EVC.

Further, the EC was also informed that AICTE has to comply with the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India to complete the approval process by 30<sup>th</sup> April of each year.

The EC deliberated on the matter and approved the proposal of AICTE to form EVC from the list of experts available on the portal, with the approval of the competent authority, through offline mode too for physical verification of new institutes of AY 2019-20 who have been granted LOI. The EC also suggested that experts may be engaged from reputed private institutions, if the need arise. The EC further suggested that AICTE may seek a list of senior faculty of repute from NITs/ IITs/ Universities & their affiliated institutions, for utilizing during formation of EVC.

As per past practice, during composition of EVC for a pharmacy institute, two subject experts (Pharmacy) and one architect were being deputed. In present circumstances, where large number of requirement for EVC at Pharmacy institutes is there, the EC decided that only one subject expert (Pharmacy), other expert from any other technical background and one architect may be included to form an EVC.

Item No. 124.04.01

: To ratify the grant of LOI/LOR/LOA to Institutions based on the recommendations of the respective Regional Committees and approved by the Competent Authority in respect of applications received, under Chapter I, from Institutions in the AY 2019-20 for

- Setting up of New Technical Institutions offering Technical Programmes at Diploma/Post Diploma/Under Graduate Degree/Post Graduate Degree and Post Graduate Diploma Levels
- Change of Site/ Location
- Conversion of Women's Institution into Co-Ed Institution & Vice-versa
- Conversion of Diploma Level into Degree Level and Vice-versa.
- To start new Program(s)/Level(s) in the existing Institutions.

**The Executive Committee ratified the matter.**

Item No. 124.04.02

: To ratify the decision of the Competent Authority in granting relaxation from APH 2019-20 to Institutions in case of approved land/building related documents from the State Government.

**The Executive Committee ratified the matter in view of delays due to ongoing election process in which most officers are on duty and in some cases code of conduct does not allow decisions.**

Item No. 124.04.03

: To ratify the decision of the Competent Authority in granting relaxation/exemption from APH 2019-20 to Institutions to ease the process of approval due to time constraint.

**The Executive Committee ratified the matter in view of delays due to ongoing election process in which most officers are on duty and in some cases code of conduct does not allow decisions.**



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**Item No. 124.05.01** : To receive information on the amendment in the Notification for opening of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in spare capacity of Polytechnics.

**The Executive Committee received the information.**

**Any other Item with the permission of the Chair:**

**Item No. 124.03.09**

**(All Bureaus/Cells)**

The Executive Committee observed that AICTE has to follow a time-line as per directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court for issuing grant of approval or otherwise to the applicants as per APH prevalent for that particular year.

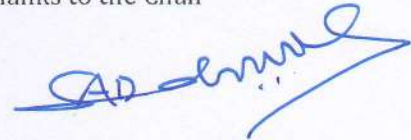
Also, it was noted that possibly there could be any other matter of AICTE which cannot be kept on hold for seeking approval of the Executive Committee till scheduling of its next meeting.

Accordingly, the Executive Committee deliberated and decided that in all such matters the Chairman, AICTE is empowered to take decision and thereafter place the matter in the subsequent meeting of the Executive Committee for its ratification.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair



**(Prof. A.P. Mittal)**  
Member Secretary



**(Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe)**  
Chairman