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Minutes of the 129th Executive Committee meeting held on November 19, 2019 at 03.00 pm 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.	Dr. Rakesh Sarwal, Additional Secretary (TE), MHRD, Govt. of India, New Delhi	Nominee, Secretary, MHRD, New Delhi
4.	Prof. Uday Kumar, (Chairman, NWRC-AICTE) Director, MNIT, Jaipur	Member
5.	Prof. N.R. Sheth, Chairman, AIB-PE Vice Chancellor, Gujarat Technological University	Member
6.	Prof. Satish Chand, (Chairman, AIB - ITE) JNU, New Delhi	Member
7.	Prof. Chetan Vaidya, Chairman, AIB-TCP, Former Director, School of Planning and Architecture, Delhi	Member
8.	Prof. G. P. Vadodaria, Principal, Govt. College of Engineering, Bhavnagar	Member
9.	Prof. Arvind Choubey, Director, IIIT Bhagalpur, Bihar	Member
10.	Dr. Avichal Kapur Joint Secretary, University Grants Commission, New Delhi	Nominee, Chairman, UGC
11.	Prof. Rajive Kumar, Member Secretary, AICTE	Member Secretary

Prof. T.G. Sitharam, Chairman, SWRC-AICTE; Joint Secretary/ Financial Adviser, MHRD, New Delhi; Secretary (TE/HE), Govt. of Tripura; Secretary, Technical Education Govt. of Uttarakhand; Secretary, Technical Education, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh; Secretary, Technical Education, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh; Prof. H.C. Verma, IIT-Kanpur; Prof. Anil Mathur, Dean (FA), Rajasthan Technical University, Kota; 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 129th meeting of the Executive Committee. He briefed the members about the recent activities/achievements of AICTE since last reported in the 127th Executive Committee meeting held on 21st August, 2019, in the form of ppt presentation which included:

- Prof. A.P. Mittal relinquished his charge as Member Secretary, AICTE on completion of his tenure at AICTE on September 4, 2019. Prof. Rajive Kumar joined as Member Secretary, AICTE

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on September 23, 2019, in pursuance of MHRD order. The Executive Committee members congratulated Dr. Rajive Kumar on assuming the charge of Member Secretary, AICTE.

- Internship Day was celebrated on August 25, 2019 at AICTE Auditorium in association with a startup "Internshala". More than 300 institutes participated.
- Jal Shakti Abhiyan portal was launched on August 26, 2019. Vide this portal conservation of water related activities can be uploaded by institutions and students.
- 'Induction portal', under the AICTE Quality enhancement initiative of mandatory 3-week Student Induction program, was launched on August 29, 2019.
- AICTE and Arm Embedded Technologies Pvt. Ltd. signed an MoU on August 28, 2019, to strengthen and improve the quality of technical education in India and enable the faculty members to build their technical knowledge and skills.
- AICTE and IIT Guwahati signed MoU in the presence of Union Minister of Human Resource Development and MOS HRD on September 27, 2019, for providing 100 internships to students of J&K. Vide this MoU, travel to Guwahati is being taken care by AICTE and living expenses by IITG. Three other IITs have immediately come forward for a similar MoU.
- ATAL Orientation workshop for Coordinators of ATAL programs were conducted at CDAC, Mohali on August 27, 2019 with appx 45 participants; on August 29, 2019 at Bhopal via skype; on September 16- 20, 2019 at Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology Allahabad on Block chain with 50 participants.
- All India Management Association (AIMA-ICRC) Case Teaching & Writing Workshop, with a focus on developing cases based on Indian Ethos, in collaboration with AICTE was conducted at SVKM's NMIMS, Mumbai during August 30-31, 2019.
- परिषद् में सितंबर 3 2019 को सभी अधिकारियों एवं कर्मिकों हेतु माइक्रोसॉफ्ट कोरपोरेशन इंडिया के सहयोग से एक अर्द्धदिवस कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया।
- परिषद् में 14 सितंबर 2019 को हिंदी पखवाडा का आयोजन किया गया। जिसमें सुलेख, टिप्पणी, वाद विवाद, कवि सम्मेलन एवं अनेक कार्याक्रमों का आयोजन किया गया।
- A two-day Boot Camp on Business Plan and Enterprise Development for Students and two-day training program for faculty on Mentorship Skill Development was held at AICTE Auditorium on September 9-10, 2019 by MIC. This event had a participation of 150 students and 50 faculty members.
- Shri. Ramesh Pokhriyal, 'Nishank', Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development, graced the occasion at the first Annual Innovation Festival of MIC, Launching of AICTE Quality Initiatives & Vice Chancellors' Meet on Student Induction Program which was held on September 11, 2019 at AICTE.
- Hon'ble Minister of HRD Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' launched 2 initiatives under the Department of Higher Education, Annual Refresher Programme in Teaching (ARPIT) 2019 and Leadership for Academicians Programme (LEAP) 2019, at Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra, New Delhi on September 16, 2019.
- On September 18, 2019 Shri. Ramesh Pokhriyal, 'Nishank, Hon'ble Minister, HRD launched following schemes of AICTE:



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- a) WAVE Summit 2019 (Online);
 - b) Diploma Curriculum (Online & Hard copy both);
 - c) B. Arch. Curriculum(Online);
 - d) 360 Degree Feedback (Online);
 - e) Margdarshan & Margadarshak Information Booklet(Online);
 - f) Margdarshan & Margadarshak Quality Manual (Online)
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- AICTE MEET was held on 24.9.2019 with the Senior Management /Education leaders from prominent Engineering Colleges affiliated with AICTE under South Western region to discuss the way forward for engineering education in India at DIDAC India Exhibition and Conference.
 - A two-day workshop on FDP-SIP Resource Persons (Universal Human Values) jointly organized by AICTE and AK Garg Engineering College was held at Ghaziabad on September 28-29, 2019.
 - A Workshop was held at AICTE on September 29, 2019, on "Opportunities and challenges in implementation of AICTE Internship Policy", wherein, over 325 Institutional heads/ Sr. faculty and TPOs participated.
 - An International Startup Exposure Program for India-South Korea, 5th Global Innovation Festa (GIF) 2019 was held during October 31 – November 4, 2019 at South Korea. During this Fiesta, a global competition of innovation was organized by Daegu Government in association with KMU & Centre for Creative Economy and Innovation Daegu (DCCEI). 5 student innovation/ entrepreneurial teams from India visited South Korea for Ecosystem exposure and participated in 5th GIF 2019. Dr. Neeraj Saxena, Adviser-II and Dr. Mohit Gambhir, Director, MIC visited Korea along with the Indian team, which was sponsored by AICTE.
 - MHRD, MIC, AICTE along with NTU-Singapore and NTUitive Pte Ltd co-organized the 2nd edition of Singapore-India Hackathon at IIT Madras, Chennai. The 36 hours Grand Finale flagged off on Sep 28, 2019 and concluded on Sep. 30 at IIT, Madras. Total 20 teams participated. Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri. Narendra Modi and Education Minister of Singapore were also present for the event.
 - On October 2, 2019, AICTE officials participated in trees plantation and took oath on the occasion of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.
 - Prof. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE visited:
 - Taiwan, during October 8-10, 2019 to participate in Asian Dialogue for Innovation and Progress, Taiwan at Yushan Forum;
 - Jakarta, during October 17-20, 2019 to inaugurate the International Youth Forum at the 7th International Habibie Festival 2019 and delivered address as part of "The Future of Learning Indonesia Education Forum", organized by WANTIKNAS.
 - A study tour to Dudley College, UK for 20 best participants who have successfully completed their training under AICTE-UKIERI Leadership Development Program' 2018-19, during 14 -19 October, 2019.
 - AICTE conducted one-day Exam Reforms workshops at:
 - Central University, Jharkhand, Ranchi on 21st October, 2019;
 - National Institute of Technology, Agartala, Tripura on 23rd October, 2019.
 - On October 30, 2019, AICTE observed Vigilance Awareness Week for AICTE officials. This year the theme was 'Integrity - A Way of life'.

- AICTE partnered and participated in India International Science Festival (IISF) 2019, at Kolkata organized by M/o Science & Technology and Vignan Bharati, during November 5-8, 2019 at Kolkata. Chairman, AICTE Inaugurated AICTE pavilion at Mega Science Expo: IISF -2019, wherein AICTE showcased its activities and achievements. Union Minister of Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Dr. Harsh Vardhan visited AICTE pavilion and lauded achievements, activities and schemes of AICTE which are for the benefit of students, faculty and institutions.
- AICTE partnered with CII in celebrating Industry-Academia collaborations during an 'Education Summit' held on 13-14 November, 2019.
- A joint meeting of Department of Technical Education, Rajasthan and AICTE was held on November 17, 2019 at Jaipur, for effective implementation of Model Curriculum for Polytechnics.
- AICTE conducted interactive Workshops for PMSSS beneficiaries, in various parts of the Country.
- MHRD has launched a new initiative called National Educational Alliance for Technology (NEAT): A Scheme for using technology for better learning outcomes. As a part of this, MHRD would like to partner with Education Technology (Ed-Tech) Companies offering Solutions for Higher Education and implement the scheme through AICTE. It was informed that Artificial Intelligence can be used to make learning more personalized and customized as per the requirements of the learner. In this context, over the times, many training companies/ organizations have approached AICTE for academia collaboration and training programmes for students on various industry leading analytics tools and technology and suiting the parameters of NEAT. 80 proposals have been received in this regard and evaluation is in process. Launch of NEAT portal is proposed on December 5, 2019.
- The following upcoming/ongoing events were informed:
 - Clean and Smart Campus awards to be announced along with Swachhta Ranking Awards of MHRD
 - Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat related activities.
 - Upcoming UKEIRI leadership program.

The Executive Committee members appreciated the efforts made by team AICTE under the leadership of Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE for the outstanding achievements.

The comments of IFD, MHRD received on mail on 19-11-2019, on the agenda items have been reflected against the respective Agenda Items.

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

Item No. 129.01.01 : To confirm the minutes of the 127th meeting of the Executive Committee held on August 21, 2019.

The Executive Committee was apprised about the comments received on 21-08-2019 from Integrated Finance Division (IFD)-MHRD (Office of JS & FA, MHRD) on the Agenda points and AICTE has accordingly replied vide letter dated 18-09-2019. No further comments have been received from IFD.

The Executive Committee confirmed the minutes of the 127th meeting of the Executive Committee held on August 21, 2019.

Item No. 129.01.02 : To confirm the minutes of the 128th emergent meeting of the Executive Committee held on September 17, 2019.

The Executive Committee confirmed the minutes of the 128th emergent meeting of the Executive Committee held on September 17, 2019.

Item No. 129.02.01 To receive a note on action taken on the decisions taken and recommendations made in the 127th meeting of the Executive Committee held on August 21, 2019.

The Executive Committee received the note on action taken on the decisions taken at the 127th meeting of the Executive Committee held on August 21, 2019.

Under Item No. 127.02.01, during discussion under ATR of 127th EC meeting, under Item no. 126.03.02, it was noted that during screening of shortlisted candidates, none of the candidate was found suitable for Senior Consultant, to be outsourced through M/s. BECIL. Therefore, the EC decided to authorize the Chairman, AICTE to take a decision to re-advertise /re-look into the qualifications & experience etc. based on the inputs provided by the concerned Bureau/Cell of AICTE.

Under Item No. 127.03.01, the EC decided that the Skill Development Cell of AICTE, dealing NEEM, may follow-up with MHRD regarding revision of NEEM Regulation 2019.

Under Item No. 127.03.12, the EC decided that for future SIHs, the guidelines may be suitably modified wherein the prize money should be deposited by the participating organization along with its problem statement prior to the event and suitable provisions may be incorporated for defaulting organizations.

Under Item No. 127.03.19 the EC was informed that after re-appropriation of outsourced manpower, the unfilled strength of 12 nos. indicated earlier are now filled-up as per the needs of different bureaus/cells of AICTE. Hence, as on date, there is no vacant position. The EC opined that a separate Agenda item for next EC meeting be prepared for its approval regarding working at AICTE hqs. and its Regional/Camp offices.

Under Item No. 127.03.21 the EC on further discussions decided that extension beyond the age of 70 years may not be allowed as per the guidelines of DOPT. The concerned incumbents may be terminated once they complete their extended term beyond 70 years.

Item No. 129.02.02

To receive a note on action taken on the decisions taken and recommendations made in the 128th emergent meeting of the Executive Committee held on September 17, 2019.

The Executive Committee received the note on action taken on the decisions taken at the 128th emergent meeting of the Executive Committee held on September 17, 2019.

Item No. 129.03.01

To consider the condemnation of 01 No. staff car/vehicle AMBASSADOR GRAND 1800 bearing No. DL 1CM 8051, petrol Model 02/2012 of AICTE.

The Executive Committee discussed and approved the condemnation of 01 No. staff car/vehicle AMBASSADOR GRAND 1800 bearing No. DL 1CM 8051, petrol Model 02/2012 of AICTE as per procedure laid down in GFR.

Item No. 129.03.02

To approve the proposal for conducting 500 training programmes by ATAL academies in the year 2020-21.

The Executive Committee noted that in its 125th meeting held on April 26, 2019 had approved the proposal of ATAL for conducting twenty training programmes with an estimated budget of Rs.32,40,000/- in the twenty ATAL academies @ Rs.1,62,000/- as cost for one workshop. The EC also noted that in its 127th meeting held on August 21, 2019, approval was granted for conduct of 200 training programs in FY 2019-20, with a budget of Rs.3,25,00,000/- (Rs.1,62,500/- per workshop) for four ATAL academies.

The EC was informed that during 2020-21 more number of such programs are to be conducted by all Regional Offices of AICTE and hence the revised budget estimates have been presented in the proposal.

The EC considered the proposal and approved conduct of 500 training programmes by ATAL academies from the next Financial Year i.e. 2020-21 in the nine thrust areas viz. AI, Block Chain, IOT, etc. and other emerging /training areas.

The EC also approved that the government funded institutions like IITs, IIMs, NITs, IIITs, Central Universities, States Universities, other government organizations, private organization/institutions having NIRF ranking up to 100 / NAAC grade "A" and Departments of Universities /Institutions which are NBA accredited & having validity upto March, 2020 may also be funded for conduct of ATAL Programmes.

The EC further approved that all Regional and Camp offices may conduct ATAL academies programmes in their region/states under their respective jurisdiction.

The EC considered and approved the revised budget estimate from Rs.1,62,000/- (FY (2019-20) to Rs.2,10,000/- (FY 2020-21) for

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funding 500 training programs under ATAL academies as below:

S. No.	Provisions	Approved for 2019-20	Approved for 2020-21
1.	Honorarium for Director	Rs. 10,000/-	Rs. 10,000/-
2	Honorarium to Co-ordinator Rs.2000/- per day x 5 days	Rs. 10,000/-	Rs. 10,000/-
3	Honorarium for experts (Rs. 3000 per session for total 14 session)	Rs. 42,000/-	Rs. 42,000/-
4	Provision for payment to Lab Attendant engaged during lab practices @ Rs. 1000/- per programme	-	Rs. 1,000/-
5	TA/DA to Experts engaging sessions (lump sum)	-	Rs. 32,000/-
6	One books each for top 20 participants as reward	-	Rs. 10,000/-
7.	Refreshment & Lunch (Rs. 300 per head for 50 trainees for 5 days)	Rs. 75,000/-	Rs. 75,000/-
8.	Institutional charges	Rs. 15,000/-	Rs. 15,000/-
9.	Miscellaneous charges	Rs. 10,000/-	Rs. 15,000/-
	Total =	Rs. 162,000/-	Rs.2,10,000/-

The revised estimates consist mainly travel expenditure of Experts from other cities, which was not included in earlier approval. The provision of providing one book each costing about Rs.500/- to the best performing teachers in training program, which is limited to 20 numbers.

The EC was also informed that apart from nine emerging viz. Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things (IoT), Block chain, Robotics, Quantum Computing, Data Sciences, Cyber Security, 3D Printing & Design, Augmented Reality (AR)/ Virtual Reality (VR), new areas according to demands of industry may emerge which will require good experts to prepare syllabi & documentation and shall incur fee. Also, it was informed to have impact assessment, i.e. measuring the effectiveness of ATAL Academy programs and judging the significance of changes brought about by those activities in faculty development. The Impact Assessment will also require to incur expenditure. The EC, thus, approved additional budget of Rs.0.50 crore for the projected expenditure for the proposed 500 programs in FY 2020-21.

The Executive Committee therefore approved a total budget of Rs.11.00 crores (500 programmes x @ 2.1 lac per programme = 10.5 crores + 0.50 crore for related activates -Impact assessment, syllabi/ documentation of new areas) during the year 2020-21.

The comments of IFD, MHRD received on mail on 19-11-2019, against this agenda, mentions that component towards



expenditure towards Honorarium, TA/DA and refreshments need rationalization. The EC had considered the same and opined that budget provision for the said heads appear reasonable. Further, the budget provision of Rs.300/-per person (which includes morning tea/breakfast, Lunch, evening Tea/snacks and dinner) is most minimal and reasonable given today's soaring prices.

Item No. 129.03.03

To consider and approve the Construction of Camp Office NWRO, and AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy at Jaipur

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal for revised Preliminary Estimate (PE) of Rs.27,40,60,461/- for construction of Camp Office NWRO, AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy at Jaipur and Guest House, submitted by CPWD after inclusion of Furniture, provision of LAN/IT networking, Smart Classrooms/computer rooms etc. This PE also includes 1.5% for design consultancy and 3% towards contingency.

The comments of IFD, MHRD received through mail on 19-11-2019, against this agenda, mention that component towards design consultancy and contingency are higher, need rationalization. The EC while consideration of the proposal had noted that 1.5% charges for design consultancy are as per the provisions of Council of Architecture under 'Scale of Charges' and 3% towards contingency are in consonance with the 'CPWD Works Manual 2019'.

Item No. 129.03.04

To consider the extension of approval as Skill Knowledge Provider for the A.Y. 2019-20.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the grant of extension of approval to the following Skill Knowledge Provider for the A.Y. 2019-20 :

1. Jagan Nath Community College, Delhi.
2. Jagannath Institute of Management Sciences, Delhi.
3. Continuing Education Centre, Thaigarajar Polytechnic, Salem, Tamilnadu.
4. UPTECH Computer Consultancy Ltd., Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
5. TVS & Sons Ltd., Madurai, Tamilnadu.
6. Centre of Applied Rural Technology, Agra, Uttar Pradesh.
7. Gramtarang Employability Training Services, Khurda, Odisha
8. Datatec Skill Academy, Kerala
9. AISECT Limited, Bhopal
10. Daimler India Commercial Vehicle Pvt. Ltd., Chennai
11. Ghani Khan Choudhary Institute of Engg. And Technology, Malda, Kolkata, West Bengal.
12. Saveer Biotech Ltd., Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
13. Electronics and Mechanical Engg. School, Gujarat

The EC further approved closure of following SKPs as proposed:

1. M/s Rass Biosolution Pvt. Ltd., UP;



2. M/s Alliance Educare & Research Pvt. Ltd., UP
3. M/s Manovikas Institute of Higher Education, Delhi.

Item No. 129.03.05

To consider and approve allocation of additional budget for running ongoing programs of MHRD's Innovation Cell (MIC) till F.Y. 2019-20.

The Executive Committee deliberated on the proposal of allocation of budget for the ongoing programs of MIC. The EC was informed about the successful progress being made under various activities of MIC and necessity of funds to continue the effective implementation in achieving targets of 2019-20. Accordingly, the Executive Committee approved the proposal of allocation of additional budget of Rs.13.70 crore for various ongoing activities of MIC till FY 2019-20. The EC further directed that this additional budget of Rs.13.70 crore of MIC will be met from the Internal Revenue Generated (IRG) of AICTE. The EC also opined that MHRD shall provide the funds to MIC as AICTE has not received any funds from MHRD and all the expenditure of MIC are met from IRG of AICTE.

The comments of IFD, MHRD received through mail on 19-11-2019, against this agenda, mention that MoF (DoE) Vide their OM No.13(2)/PFC-II/2019 dated 29.5.2019 has denied in-principle approval for MHRD's Innovation Cell. It may be noted that MHRD vide its email conveyed a decision held in a meeting held at MHRD on 17-06-2019, that AICTE will fund the projects of MIC till 31st March, 2020. The same was placed before the EC in its 126th meeting held on 19-06-2019. The Executive Committee had endorsed the decision of MHRD and decided that IRG of AICTE may be utilized for funding the projects of MIC. Further, the Secretary (HE), MHRD vide his email dated November 20, 2019 has clarified that though 'the DoE hasn't agreed with MIC funding, it shall have no effect whatsoever on AICTE expending its own resources'. Accordingly, the decision of EC is in consonance with the MHRD clarification.

Item No. 129.03.06

To consider and approve recruitment of manpower for DTH channel allocated by MHRD's Swayam Prabha to MIC and AICTE for running programs on Innovation, Start-up and Entrepreneurship.

The Executive Committee was informed that MHRD's Swayam Prabha allocated one DTH Channel to MIC and AICTE, to focus on Innovation, start-ups and entrepreneurship (ISE) related activities. This channel will be available on all the public and private DTH platforms to ensure effective reach and will highlight success stories, human stories in area of ISE from India and across the globe.

The EC deliberated and in-principle agreed to start separate DTH channel. However, the EC suggested that approval on creation of these posts with qualifications, experience, scale of Pay etc. be obtained through MHRD. The same on receipt from MHRD be informed to the EC in its next meeting.

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Item No. 129.03.07

To consider and approve recruitment of Startup Fellows' for coordination of MIC activities from regional locations.

The Executive Committee discussed and decided that MIC may revisit the proposal on recruitment of Startup Fellows' for coordination of MIC activities from regional locations.

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Item No. 129.03.08

To consider and approve enhancement of Ph.D. Fellowship under the scheme of National Doctoral Fellowship (NDF) scheme.

The Executive Committee deliberated on the proposal and approved enhancement of the fellowship in consonance with MHRD's letter F. No. 15-2/2019-TC dated 16th July 2019, for NDF scholars w.e.f. 01.01.2019, as under:

- JRF: Rs. 31,000/- per month for 1st & 2nd year.
- SRF: Rs. 35,000/- per month for 3rd year and onwards in case of extension as per the provisions of the scheme.

All other emoluments and guidelines are applicable as per the GOI OM dated 31-01-2019.



Item No. 129.03.09

To consider and approve providing conveyance facility to woman employee at work place.

The Executive Committee deliberated and decided that conveyance/TA rules applicable to woman employees beyond office working hours shall be as already prevailing in AICTE and DOPT, GOI norms.

Item No. 129.03.10

To consider and approve the methodology for assessment and recommendation on the proposals of the Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) for offering MBA, MCA and other programmes through ODL and Online mode being received by UGC, New Delhi.

The Executive Committee deliberated at length on the matter raised by UGC vide their letter dated 25-09-2019 and decided as follows:

1. For offering Courses through online mode:

The Executive Committee reiterated as discussed and decided in its 125th meeting held on April 26, 2019 on the online mode of courses as follows:

- a) The Eligibility Criteria for admission and process of admission should be on the lines of ODL courses;
- b) Availability of good quality course content/ regular updation of course content for a rich learning experience of the candidates enrolled;
- c) Availability of reputed Experts of respective disciplines for online interaction or through Skype or any other digital medium, for clarifications/ clearing of doubts of candidates enrolled in online course;
- d) Arrangement of regular assignment to enrolled candidates and their online evaluation/ feedback;
- e) The Examination system should be proctored to ensure fairness and transparency.

The Executive Committee deliberated on the point b) above and further clarified that all the Universities that intend to offer online/ODL courses are conducting the same courses in regular mode also. So, it is expected and presumed that contents of these regular courses are of good quality and are being updated periodically. The same course content should be used for online and ODL courses. However, such Universities may be asked to submit an affidavit to UGC that they are adhering to all the above conditions.

2. For offering courses through ODL mode:

The Executive Committee reiterated as discussed and decided in its 118th meeting held on August 18, 2018 on the ODL mode of courses as follows:

- a) 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 reported through complaints, 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.

- b) 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 Notification issued in this regard. AICTE will forward the recommendations to UGC for further necessary action in the matter.

However, the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in its decision under WP(C) No. 261/2019 dated 19-07-2019 under Dayalbagh Educational Inst. Vs. UGC and Others, directed AICTE to frame Regulations for granting approval to Deemed-to-be-Universities offering courses in ODL mode. The EC was informed that AICTE has accordingly framed regulations for Deemed-to-be-Universities and will give approvals to Deemed-to-be-Universities offering to conduct ODL courses as per laid down norms in the regulations.

The Executive Committee also noted that as per UGC regulations on ODL mode for the course of MBA, MCA and Travel & Tourism, for other Private and State Universities, approval of the regulatory body is required. Accordingly, the EC decided that all such cases will be dealt with the same regulations of AICTE as notified for Deemed-to-be-Universities and in such cases the recommendations of AICTE will be communicated to UGC for taking further necessary action at their end.

In general the Executive Committee reiterated that any course to be offered in regular or ODL or online mode should ensure:

- a) Prior approval of AICTE;
- b) Sanctity of admissions as per chosen policy declared in advance;
- c) Good quality Learning material and interaction with faculty;
- d) Standard of examination papers;
- e) Sanctity of examination: Proctored examination;
- f) Timely evaluation of exam papers and announcement of results.

3. Permissible Specializations:

AICTE is not granting approvals to Universities and Institutions to offer Diploma/UG/PG level courses in Engineering & Technology, Pharmacy, Architecture, HMCT, Applied Arts Crafts and Design through ODL/Online mode. Course nomenclature like Post Graduate Diploma in Artificial intelligence/Block Chain/Information Technology etc. shall arouse confusion amongst its aspirants and stake holders that whether the same are falling under the ambit of AICTE/Technical education. The EC is of the opinion that UGC shall not permit such nomenclatures of courses to be offered in ODL/Online mode. Further, the Programs like B.Sc. and M.Sc. do not fall under the ambit of AICTE, so the Executive Committee did not consider this matter.

4. Conduct of Examinations:

The Universities / Institutions Deemed-to-be-Universities offering such courses in online or ODL mode shall ensure that the Examinations are conducted in a proctored manner.

5. Award of Degree:

The Executive Committee opined that universities offering courses through ODL/Online mode shall clearly mention in the Degree Certificate issued to the candidates that the course was offered in ODL/online mode as the case may be.

6. Registration with NAD:

All the Universities offering such courses must register with NAD and upload the data of the students on NAD portal.

Item No. 129.03.11

To consider and approve proposal for closure of M.Tech./M.Pharm Programme under QIP Scheme of AICTE for Major and Minor QIP Degree Engg. /Pharm Centers.

The Executive Committee was informed that the M. Tech. is not the basic minimum qualification requirement for diploma level

teachers, however, the same is the minimum entry level qualification for degree level colleges. The EC deliberated on the proposal and approved the closure of M.Tech./M.Pharm Programme under QIP for faculty of degree colleges at Major and Minor QIP Centers of AICTE, however, M.Tech. Program under QIP (Poly) will continue for the faculty of Polytechnic colleges.

Item No. 129.03.12

To consider and approve the proposal for change of funding for some of the schemes from Non-plan budget Head to Plan-Budget Head.

The Executive Committee discussed and approved the proposal of shifting the following schemes from Non-Plan head to Plan head of the budget:

- a) FDP- Faculty Development Programme;
- b) Short Term Training Programme (STTP)/AICTE-ISTE Induction / Refresher Courses and others;
- c) GOC- Grant for Organizing Conference;
- d) MODROB - (Modernization and Removal of Obsolescence), all types of MODROBS.

Item No. 129.03.13

To consider and approve the proposal for composition of Technical Teachers Policy Training Monitoring Committee and Cell.

The Executive Committee deliberated on the proposal and approved constitution of the Technical Teachers Training Policy Monitoring Committee and cell in RIFD Bureau of AICTE as under:

Policy Monitoring Committee:

- a) Prof. HP Khincha and Prof. RP Dahiya (Committee members for finalization of the Comprehensive Training Policy for Technical Teachers).
- b) All four Directors of NITTTRs.
- c) Two VCs from Technical Universities (on rotation for period of 02 years) - To be nominated by the Chairman, AICTE.
- d) An IT expert - To be nominated by the Chairman, AICTE.
- e) Advisor-I, RIFD Bureau, AICTE.
- f) Director, RIFD Bureau, AICTE - Member Secretary.

Mandate and charter of the committee would encompass the following: -

- i) Coordination, nomination with NITTTRs on development of modules for all phases of in service teachers. Also ensuring capacity building of Inter NITTTRs & its methodology;
- ii) Ensuring development, implementation and continuous monitoring of the registration portal as per the scheme document;
- iii) Ensuring close coordination with the State Technical Departments, Technical Universities, Atal academies and other nominated institutes for building awareness, support system and implementation of Technical Teachers Training Policy;
- iv) Ensuring nomination, earmarking of mentor/mentors for conducting observed teaching and organize industry training and their training thereof;
- v) Framing of regulations for certification;
- vi) Any other tasks for effective implementation of the Policy.

The EC decided that sufficient manpower may be provided to the Monitoring cell.

Item No. 129.03.14

To consider and approve the remaining 66 qualified proposals under MODROB Rural Scheme 2019-20.

The Executive Committee noted that 120 proposals with a maximum budget of Rs.20.00 Crores was approved in its 120th meeting held on 27-12-2018. Rs.15.00 Crores are required for releasing grant to 120 proposals out of the recommended 186 proposals under MODROB Rural Scheme 2019-20. The EC was informed that for releasing grant to all 186 (120+66) recommended proposals, total budget required is Rs.24.00 crores, i.e. additional Rs.4.00 crore is required against its approval in 120th meeting.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the remaining 66 qualified proposals out of 186 proposals recommended by experts/evaluators under MODROB-Rural Scheme. The EC also approved an additional amount of Rs.4.00 crore to meet the expenditure for release of Grant-in-Aid to all 186 recommended proposals under MODROB Rural Scheme 2019-20.

Item No. 129.03.15

To consider and approve the proposed insertion in the Delegation of Financial Power, 2018.

The Executive Committee deliberated and approved the proposal of insertion of following clause as a new item (84 (a) and 84 (b)) below S. No. 83 in the Schedule of Delegation of

Powers-AICTE: 2018 as below:

Sl. No.	Name of power	To whom delegated & extent of delegation	Conditions and limitations
84 (a)	Engagement of Advocates for defending cases in various courts of law.	Chairman - Full power	-
84 (b)	Payment/Settlement of Professional Bills of Advocates for defending Cases in various courts of law.	Chairman- Full Powers Vice Chairman- Rs.50 Lakh per month. Member Secretary- upto Rs. 25 Lakh per month. Regional Officer- upto Rs. 10 Lakh per month	As per the norms and rates approved by Executive Committee/ Council from time to time.

Table Agenda :

Item No. 129.03.16

To consider and approve the proposal of conducting 10 (ten) Executive Leadership Programs (ELSPs) in various states at Art of Living centers / suitable AICTE Institutions.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal for conducting 10 (ten) Executive Leadership Programs (ELPs) in various AICTE Institutions /suitable Centres of Art of Living, with a budget of Rs.2.00 lakh for each program. The EC opined that such programs may cover various regions of the country for maximum participation and optimum benefit.

Information Items:

Item No. 129.04.01

: To receive information on the announcement of few more ATAL academies in the country.

The Executive Committee received the information.

Item No. 129.04.02

: To receive information on the membership of AICTE in India University and Institution Network for Disaster Risk Reduction (IUIIN-DRR.).

The Executive Committee received the information.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



(Prof. Rajive Kumar)
Member Secretary



(Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe)
Chairman