

**Minutes of the 130<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting held on December 19, 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.	Dr. Renuka Mishra, Director (TE), MHRD, Govt. of India, New Delhi	Nominee, Secretary, MHRD, New Delhi
3.	Prof. T.G. Sitharam, (Chairman, SWRC-AICTE) Director, IIT-Guwahati	Member
4.	Prof. N.R. Sheth, Chairman, AIB-PE Vice Chancellor, Gujarat Technological University	Member
5.	Prof. Satish Chand, (Chairman, AIB - ITE) JNU, New Delhi	Member
6.	Prof. Virender Pathak Director, IRDT Deptt. of Technical Education, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow, UP	Nominee, Secretary (TE/HE) Govt. of Uttar Pradesh
7.	Shri Satish Chandra Special Chief Secretary(HE) Govt. of Andhra Pradesh	Member
8.	Prof. Anil Mathur, Dean (FA), Rajasthan Technical University, Kota, Rajasthan	Member
9.	Prof. G. P. Vadodaria, Principal, Govt. College of Engineering, Bhavnagar	Member
10.	Prof. Rajive Kumar, Member Secretary, AICTE	Member Secretary

Prof. M.P. Poonia, Vice Chairman, AICTE; Prof. Uday Kumar, Chairman, NWRC-AICTE; Prof. Chetan Vaidya, Chairman, AIB-TCP; Joint Secretary/ Financial Adviser, MHRD, New Delhi; Secretary (TE/HE), Govt. of Tripura; Secretary, Technical Education Govt. of Uttarakhand; Prof. H.C. Verma, IIT-Kanpur; Prof. Arvind Choubey, Director, IIIT Bhagalpur, Bihar; Chairman, UGC, New Delhi; 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 130<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee. He briefed the members about the recent activities/achievements of AICTE since last reported in the 129<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2019, in the form of ppt presentation which included:

- A meeting with Vice Chancellors of Universities was held on November 21, 2019 at AICTE, for effective implementation of Student Induction program.

- A workshop for resource persons for induction program was held on December 16, 2019 at AICTE. 72 members participated in this workshop.
- 13 FDPs of 3 days/7 days for Student Induction were held in different cities of the country during the period. More than 600 faculty members participated in these FDPs.
- On November 26, 2019, following events took place at MHRD:
  - Launch of Abhiyanta portal;
  - Signing of MOU with IISER for J&K internship;
  - IMPACT workshop poster;
  - AICTE Fitness Brochure;

Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal launched AICTE initiatives on this occasion.

- On November 26, 2019, all AICTE officials came together to commemorate 'Constitution Day'. AICTE approved institutions also celebrated Constitution Day and a Pledge was administered; AICTE officials watched live telecast of the program from Parliament.
- First National Level Executive Committee meeting of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) was held on November 28, 2019 at IIT Delhi.
- AICTE was one of the partners with Engineering Council of India during its 17<sup>th</sup> National Conference held on November 29, 2019 at India Habitat Centre, Delhi. The Theme of the conference was "Role of Engineers in achieving Sustainable Development Goals". 200 persons participated in the conference.
- On December 2, 2019 a delegation visited AICTE, from 'Universidad Polytécnica de Cartagena' (UPCT), Spain, one of the four specialist technical universities in Spain. During discussions possibilities were explored to initiate a collaboration with AICTE & discuss the research capacity building with possible EU support & mobility projects under such European projects such as Erasmus+.
- On December 3, 2019 following events were held at AICTE:
  - Award Ceremony of MHRD "Swachhta Ranking -2019" to top higher educational institutions;
  - Awards were also presented for AICTE initiatives to top institutions for
    - Clean and Smart Campus;
    - SoUL Competition;
    - One Student One Tree and
    - Jal Shakti Abhiyan
  - Release of curriculum of BBA & MBA in Rural Management developed by MGNCRE, Hyderabad
- During December 4-7, 2019 & December 9-12, 2019 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop under AICTE-UKIERI Leadership Development Program (2019-20) was held at Jodhpur.
- A 3-day residential workshop on Examination Reforms was held on during December 9-11, 2019 at NITTTR, Chandigarh. There were 50 participants in this workshop.



- An Interaction with delegates of European Union, Joint Research Centre (JRC) about ongoing AI policy initiatives and its future was held on December 10, 2019 at AICTE.
- An event by ICT Academy was held with over 400 participants on December 11, 2019 at AICTE. The Event was titled BRIDGE' 19- Theme "Augmenting Skills, Accelerating Growth" an Industry Institute Interaction.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Apex Committee Meeting of National Educational Alliance for Technology (NEAT) was held on December 13, 2019 at MHRD to:
  - assess the policy and shortlisted company products;
  - finalize the draft MoU to be signed between AICTE and Ed Tech Companies;
  - Free seat allocation policy and mechanism;
  - Design of NEAT logo in progress.
- Under the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chhatra Vishwakarma Award -2019, Regional Conventions were held on 13.12.19 at Hyderabad and 18.12.19 at Chennai.
- On December 18, 2019 an interaction with experts from Royal Holloway University of London, a prestigious management research university of UK was held at AICTE. Discussion on the following research areas for collaboration were held:
  - sustainability and entrepreneurship
  - special needs, disability and education
  - equality and inclusion
  - social innovation
- Under AICTE-Margadarshan scheme, FDPs were conducted on NBA; On 9.12.19 at Puducherry and 30.11.19 at Chennai. Every institute are required to sign MoU with at least 10 institutes.
- Under AICTE TRAINING AND LEARNING (ATAL) ACADEMY:
  - 44 FDPs were conducted and 2350 participants trained;
  - 153 FDPs were conducted out of 200 programmes for the FY 2019-20). 7650 participants trained till date;
  - 60 programmes are being conducted in the month on December in thrust areas.
- The following upcoming/ongoing events were informed:
  - Committee constituted to ensure effective implementation of Universal Human Values -II.
  - Model curriculum being developed for Mechatronics Engg. and Bio Technology.
  - 7-day workshop for Training of Trainers on UHV for Student Induction Program at IIIT Hyderabad during 23.12.19-29.12.19.
  - Regional conventions on Chhatra Vishwakarma Award to be held for WR & CR at Bhopal 20.12.19; Kolkata 26.12.19 and Kanpur 28.12.19. Dates being finalized for NWR and SWR.
  - MIC -AICTE
    - Impact lecture series funding support to 100 IICs to organise two power pack impact lectures.
    - Canada India Acceleration Program(CIAP) visit to Carleton University, Canada during 19-31 Jan 2020-Prof.M.P. Poonia and Dr. Pooja Rawat will lead the delegation of women entrepreneurs to Canada. Meeting of Vice Chairman, AICTE with MITACS, Canada is also scheduled during this visit.
    - TBI linkages and fund support to PoCs/Innovations by 1st week of March 2020.



- Create a pool of 6000 Innovation ambassador and organize 35 trainings in 10 cities with pre and post assessment mechanism in place to measure impact.
- Organize 8 Regional Meets to celebrate innovation and showcase IIC achievements
- Launch of National Innovation Contest 2020

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

Item No. 130.01.01 : To confirm the minutes of the 129<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee held on November 19, 2019.

**The Executive Committee was apprised about the comments received on 19-11-2019 from Integrated Finance Division (IFD)-MHRD (Office of JS & FA, MHRD) on the Agenda points and AICTE has accordingly incorporated the same in the minutes of the 129<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting. No further comments have been received from IFD.**

**The Executive Committee confirmed the minutes of the 129<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee held on November 19, 2019.**

Item No. 130.02.01 To receive a note on action taken on the decisions taken and recommendations made in the 129<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee held on November 19, 2019.

**The Executive Committee received the note on action taken on the decisions taken at the 129<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee held on November 19, 2019.**

**Under Item No.129.03.05, the EC opined that MIC should take up the matter with MHRD for funds as AICTE is expending from its IRG for MIC till March 2020 only, as per the letters received from MHRD from time to time. MHRD may start funding MHRD's Innovation Cell by provisioning appropriate budget from the next financial year. Representative from MHRD in the meeting was also requested to take up the matter related to funds for MIC.**

**Under Item No. 129.03.07, the EC requested the representative of MHRD to provide formal approval letter for establishment of DTH Channel by MIC. Further, MHRD may also provide a letter for creation of posts with qualifications, experience, pay scale etc. for DTH Channel. It was decided that MIC should expedite obtaining formal approval letter from MHRD and place before the EC for its consideration and also, if any new initiatives are taken in future.**

**Under Item No. 129.03.11 the EC opined that the concerned department of AICTE to verify the revised Admission Information Brochure with QIP Nodal Centers for the next cycle of admissions.**

Under Item No. 129.03.13 the EC was informed that a committee has been constituted for overall monitoring and effective implementation of eight modules of teacher's training. Every new teacher will have to successfully complete the eight modules in its initial phase of his/her career. EC opined that AICTE should follow-up conducting workshops in the country in this regard.

Under Item No. 129.03.15, in pursuance to vesting of Powers to the Regional Officers also, the Legal Cell of AICTE was advised to check pending bills of various Counsels with respective Regional /Camp offices, for clearance.

Item No. 130.03.01

To consider and approve the proposal for "Master Trainer Development Programme" & training of additional one Cohort under AICTE - UKIERI "Technical Leadership Training Programme" 2020-21.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the following:

- i. Master Trainer Development Programme as proposed by the British Council & Dudley College, UK;
- ii. Training of additional cohort (100 participants) under LDP program in the year 2020-21 and additional 10 participants for the UK Study tour;
- iii. The estimated expenditure of approx. Rs.1.5 Crores for the above programs.

Item No. 130.03.02

To consider and approve the proposal submitted by ICT Academy for Advance Technical Skills Training program to train J&K and Ladakh Institutions students under Jammu & Kashmir Employability Enhancement Training (JEET) Program.

The Executive Committee was apprised about a proposal from ICT Academy for Advance Technical Skills Training program to train final year students of AICTE approved institutions of J&K and Ladakh regions under Jammu & Kashmir Employability Enhancement Training (JEET) Program. To ensure and enhance the employability of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh students, who are pursuing their Diploma/B.E./B. Tech. /MCA /MBA or other equivalent courses from the AICTE approved institutions, ICT Academy, Chennai has submitted the proposal of JEET program.

JEET will target training 5,000 students from the J&K and Ladakh region over coming 2 years, by enhancing their competencies for available jobs and provide employment opportunities to them.

The Executive Committee was also apprised of forwarding the proposal to MHRD for its consideration, however, no communication has been received from MHRD yet, on this matter. The EC deliberated and approved the following:

1. The proposal of JEET as submitted by ICT Academy.
2. Training 5000 students of final year and pre-final year from the J&K and Ladakh region over coming 2 years under JEET Program.
3. The proposed list of courses offered by ICT Academy.
4. The estimated cost of 3.75 crores for implementation of the proposal.
5. The funds may be released in 4 instalments 30:30:20:20 ratio as proposed.

The EC opined that MHRD may be pursued for funding such a proposal. It was decided that AICTE shall fund such initiative which involves nation building even if MHRD does not fund. Rs.3.75 crores was approved from IRG.

Item No. 130.03.03

To consider and approve the additional Expenditure of Rs.3,90,445/- incurred by Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana (S-VYASA) for creation of Online Courses on "Yoga Instructor Courses".

The Executive Committee was informed about the decision in its 111<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 15-11-2017 regarding ratification to the payment of Seed Money of Rs.50.00 Lakh (Rupees Fifty Lakh only) to S-VYASA from SWAYAM fund for creation of four online Credit Courses on "Yoga Instructor Courses" for SWAYAM MOOCs Platform. The EC considered and approved the additional expenditure of Rs.3,90,445/- incurred by Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana (S-VYASA) for creation of Online Courses on "Yoga Instructor Courses" which is within the permissible amount under SWAYAM guidelines.

Item No. 130.03.04

To consider and approve new Diploma Mechatronics Course in respect of 'INS Shivaji, Centre of Marine Engineering Technology, Pune, Maharashtra'.

The Executive Committee deliberated on the matter regarding seeking *ex-post facto* approval for the AY 2019-20 for starting a new Diploma Mechatronics Course by INS Shivaji, Centre of Marine Engineering Technology, Pune, Maharashtra. The EC decided to setup a committee for finding out the circumstances under which such a program is started without AICTE approval. The recommendations of the committee be placed before next meeting of the Executive Committee.

Meanwhile, EC decided that all the heads of the institutes of Defence be asked to take prior approval of all the courses before starting to avoid problem arising later and also to follow all AICTE norms & standards. The EC suggested that AICTE should send emails to the head of all such institutions every six months and also announce on AICTE-website/portal as well.



Item No. 130.03.05

To consider the penal action against (i) Vikrant Institute of Business Management (PID 1-2072131171), Indore, M.P and (ii) Vikrant Institute of Business Management (PID 1-5116811), Gwalior, M.P. PGDM Institutions not complying with the provisions contained in APH.

**The Executive Committee deliberated on the violation of norms by (i) Vikrant Institute of Business Management (PID 1-2072131171), Indore, M.P and (ii) Vikrant Institute of Business Management (PID 1-5116811), Gwalior, M.P. PGDM Institutions. The EC noted that SHC has observed that the institutes had violated the norms of admission in terms of recognized entrance exams. However, in the absence of any penal action in APH, the SHC has not recommended any specific penalty but left on AICTE to decide. In view of the above, agenda was brought to the Executive Committee for decision.**

**The EC decided that a strong warning may be issued to both the aforesaid institutions, in the absence of any explicit punitive action provisioned in APH 2019-20.**

**Further the EC noted that punitive action is being included in the APH 2020-21. EC suggested that all PGDM institutions should be informed via mail about such provisions proposed and penal action in case of violation of norms and standards of AICTE, in the forthcoming APH.**

Item No. 130.03.06

To consider and approve granting annual increment due in respect of contractual manpower employed through M/s BECIL at Regional and Camp Offices of AICTE.

**The Executive Committee deliberated on the proposal and noted that manpower deployed in AICTE headquarters have been granted enhancement/annual increment as per its decision in 110<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 17-10-2017, however, manpower in Regional/Camp offices have been left out due to omission of their names in the Annexure-list. The Executive Committee, therefor, approved granting annual increment, at the already approved rates and following due procedure, to all such manpower engaged in Regional/Camp offices through M/s. BECIL or/and M/s. NIELIT, thus making parity between the staff at AICTE headquarters and Regional/Camp offices of AICTE.**

Item No. 130.03.07

To consider and approve the enhancement of Imprest money amount granted to the Council Engineer for minor and immediate maintenance of AICTE, hqs. Building at New Delhi.

**The Executive Committee was informed that the earlier amount of Rs.5000/- as Imprest money granted to the Council Engineer was accorded way back in the year 2005. Now, all departments of AICTE are located in a bigger campus and at times there is requirement of urgent minor maintenance/repair to avoid any further damage to the infrastructure/equipment. The Executive Committee considered the proposal and approved the**

**enhancement of Imprest money from Rs.5000/- to Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty thousand only) to be granted to the Council Engineer for minor and immediate maintenance of AICTE, hqs. Building at New Delhi.**

Item No. 130.03.08

To consider and approve the recommendations of the All India Board of Undergraduate studies in Engineering & Technology (AIB-UGET).

**The Executive Committee deliberated and approved the recommendations of the All India Board of Undergraduate studies in Engineering & Technology (AIB-UGET) in its meeting held on 19-10-2019. The EC, however opined that recommendation of AIB-UGET for granting more flexibility in the choice of third subject may be kept on hold till the New Education Policy is implemented.**

Item No. 130.03.09

To consider and approve the exemption of Travel Grant-Faculty Scheme from the ceiling of Rs. 25 Lakh per institute as AICTE QIS grant.

**The Executive Committee was informed that at times a faculty whose paper is acknowledged in international conference but the institute with which the faculty is attached to, is either not categorized as a meritorious institute or institute has received AICTE support of Rs.25 lakhs in the current year, which is the prescribed ceiling and in both such cases a good faculty loses to avail the benefit of travel grant scheme. Thus it is proposed that the selection should be individual based and not institute based.**

**The Executive Committee considered the proposal and approved the exemption of Travel Grant-Faculty Scheme from the ceiling of Rs. 25.0 Lakh per institute as AICTE QIS grant.**

Item No. 130.03.10

To consider and approve the changes made in the Approval Process Handbook for AY 2020-21.

**The Executive Committee was informed about the proposed changes in the Approval Process Handbook 2020-21 for which an annexure was circulated to all the members. Dr. Usha Natesan, Adviser (Approval Bureau) made a power point presentation about the proposed changes. The Executive Committee deliberated on the matter and approved the changes proposed in the Approval Process Handbook 2020-21.**

Item No. 130.03.11

To consider and approve the draft AICTE Regulations, 2019 prepared in view of the changes incorporated in the Approval Process Handbook 2020-21.

**The Executive Committee was informed about the proposed changes in the APH 2020-21 and accordingly draft AICTE Regulations, 2019 has been prepared, for which an annexure was circulated to all the members. The Executive Committee deliberated on the matter and approved the draft AICTE Regulations, 2019 prepared in view of the changes incorporated in the Approval Process Handbook 2020-21.**





Item No. 130.03.12

To consider and approve a proposal for amendments in the AICTE Guidelines (Open and Distance Learning Education) for Institutions Deemed-to-be-Universities, 2019.

The Executive Committee was informed that the necessary Guidelines (Open and Distance Learning Education) for Institutions Deemed-to-be-Universities, 2019 have been already issued and to overcome the minor differences between the UGC and AICTE guidelines on the same matter, certain amendments have been proposed. The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposed amendments in the AICTE Guidelines (Open and Distance Learning Education) for Institutions Deemed-to-be-Universities, 2019.

Similarly, the Executive Committee observed that guidelines for standalone institutions for graded autonomy should be same as that of regulations for graded autonomy by UGC. Accordingly, guidelines be revised by AICTE and notified. The ODL regulations for standalone institutions should also be on the same lines as those for deemed-to-be-universities for consistency.

The EC decided that the Institutions Deemed -to-be-universities intending to run courses in ODL mode shall submit an application to AICTE for its approval and during subsequent years for the extension of approval for the courses, increase/reduction in approved intake in the courses and introduction of new courses. The applications shall be processed as per the procedure specified in the Approval Process Handbook.

It was also decided by the Executive Committee that the institutions Deemed-to-be-Universities offering technical program(s) approved by AICTE, falling under category-I as declared by UGC, shall submit an application online indicating the nomenclature of courses and the intake proposed along with an affidavit to the Council and UGC to the effect that they are adhering to the norms and standards as specified by AICTE from time to time. ODL courses applied by all such Category-I deemed-to-be-universities shall deemed to have approval and same can be downloaded as LOA/EOA from AICTE portal. If any complaints are received about the violation of norms, AICTE shall inspect such Institution Deemed-to-be-University which falls under category-I and actions as specified in the APH shall be initiated accordingly. AICTE shall also inform UGC about the same.

The Executive Committee further decided that in case of any other Institution Deemed-to-be-University (including category-II) it would be mandatory to seek prior approval from AICTE to offer courses through ODL mode. The procedure as prescribed in APH needs to be followed.

To a query from UGC about online courses, the EC reiterated that AICTE was neither asked to frame guidelines by MHRD/UGC nor has it done so. However, EC views offering of courses online as similar to offering in ODL mode except the mode of delivery of



course content and interaction with students through skype, video conferencing etc. to address students' difficulties.

In view of the above, the EC recommended that Deemed-to-be-Universities/Universities with Category-I autonomy be permitted to run online programmes following the same procedure as that of offering ODL, particularly admission procedure, quality and quantity of contents to be same as regular program, interaction with students for solving their difficulties, assignments & evaluation, proctored examination and certificate mentioning that the course is offered online.

Item No. 130.03.13

To consider and approve the proposal for setting up of National Educational Alliance for Technology Cell (NEAT) in AICTE and creation of the post of Chief Coordinating Officer (CCO), NEAT.

The Executive Committee was informed that the Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India has facilitated to set up National Educational Alliance for Technology (NEAT) which is conceptualized as a platform for bringing Education Technology companies and learners together for finding solutions that seek to enhance learning capabilities of students and develop employable skills. It was also informed that NEAT Portal is being developed to provide a platform for the students and companies to view, select and pursue courses/products/solutions as per their requirement.

The Executive Committee deliberated and approved the proposal for setting up of National Educational Alliance for Technology Cell (NEAT) in AICTE and creation of the post of Chief Coordinating Officer (CCO), NEAT as per the qualifications, experience, pay etc. mentioned in the proposal for a period of two years. The Cell will be supported by existing manpower of DEOs/Consultants.

Item No. 130.03.14

To consider and approve publishing of a notification on clarifications of anomalies/issues relating to pay scales, qualifications and service conditions prescribed in 7<sup>th</sup> CPC Notification dated 01.03.2019 issued by AICTE.

**This item was withdrawn.**

The Executive Committee was however requested to provide their suggestions based on the annexure provided under this item, so that the item shall be taken up in the next meeting.

Item No. 130.03.15

To consider and approve the proposal to grant supernumerary seats to Galaxy Global Group of Institutions, Ambala, for the AY 2019-20.

The Executive Committee deliberated on the matter and opined that the already enrolled students should not be penalized for if an institute is closed. The Executive Committee approved the proposal to grant 13 supernumerary seats in PG (Civil Geotechnology) to Galaxy Global Group of Institutions, Ambala to accommodate the students of Modern Institute of Engineering and Technology, Mohri, Shahabad, Kurukshetra, Haryana.

The EC further opined that in case the transfer of students after the closure of institute takes place to a government institute then, there is no problem, but if the transfer is to a private institute then approval status, compliance and grievance redressal etc. has to be checked before transfer of the students is allowed. However, the affiliating University of the both the institutions should be same.

Item No. 130.04.01 : To ratify the recommendations of the Standing Hearing Committees (SHCs) in the case of inspections conducted to the institutes or complaints against the institutes etc.

**The Executive Committee ratified the matter.**

Item No. 130.04.02 : To ratify filling up of vacant posts of Assistant Innovation Director(AID) and Innovation Officers(10) for MHRD's Innovation Cell (MIC) to be operated from AICTE.

**The Executive Committee ratified the matter.**

Item No. 130.05.1 : To receive the information on the Award Ceremony of Clean and Smart Campus Awards' 2019 and SoUL Competition held on 3rd December 2019.

**The Executive Committee received the information.**

Item No. 130.05.02 : To receive the information on the engagement of M/s. Bholeshwar Chopra Security Agency at AICTE HQs on concluding the contract with M/s. Sukumar Rai Bhaskar Security Agency.

**The Executive Committee received the information.**

Item No. 130.05.03 : To receive the information on the judgement of Hon'ble Supreme Court, which has held that institutions conducting program in Architecture should be under the control of Council of Architecture (CoA) and not All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).

**The Executive Committee received the information.**

Item No. 130.05.04 : To receive information on the empanelment of Standing Counsel for Supreme Court of India, Delhi High Court, CAT and High Courts of all the regions.

**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**