ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION
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Minutes of the 131st Executive Committee meeting held on February 03, 2020 at 11.00 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.	Dr. Renuka Mishra, Director (TE), MHRD, Govt. of India, New Delhi	Nominee, Secretary, MHRD, New Delhi
4.	Prof. V.K. Saraswat (Chairman, AIB-TE) Director –IET, Agra, UP	Member
5.	Prof. Pramod Yeole, (Chairman, AIB-PE) Vice Chancellor, BAMU, Aurangabad, Maharashtra	Member
6.	Ms. Radha Chauhan Principal Secretary Deptt. of Technical Education, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow, UP	Member
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.	Dr. Avichal Kapur Joint Secretary, University Grants Commission	Member
11.	Prof. Rajive Kumar, Member Secretary, AICTE	Member Secretary

Prof. Uday Kumar, Chairman, NWRC-AICTE; Prof. T.G. Sitharam, Chairman, SWRC-AICTE; Dr. P.S. N. Rao, Chairman, AIB-TCP; Joint Secretary/ Financial Adviser, MHRD, New Delhi; Secretary (TE/HE), Govt. of Tripura; Secretary, Technical Education Govt. of Uttrakhand; Prof. H.C. Verma, IIT-Kanpur; Prof. Arvind Choubey, Director, IIIT Bhagalpur, Bihar; 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 131st meeting of the Executive Committee. He informed that consequent to the re-constitution of All India Boards, new members have joined the Executive Committee. Prof. Sahasrabudhe also informed the members that vide an Order dated 16.1.2020 of MHRD, Prof. M.P. Poonia, Vice Chairman AICTE, has been granted extension of tenure for one more term of three years w.e.f. 20.1.2020. All members congratulated Prof. M.P. Poonia for the second term as Vice Chairman.

The Chairman briefed the members about the recent activities/achievements of AICTE since last

reported in the 130th Executive Committee meeting held on 19th December, 2019, in the form of ppt presentation which included:

- A 7-day Training of Trainers(ToT) on Universal Human Values for Student Induction program as part of national effort for popularization of value education was held during December 23 - 29, 2019 at IIIT Hyderabad.

- AICTE also conducted 23 nos. 3-day / 7-day FDP-SI at various places in the country during this period. So far more than 16000 nos. faculty members have been trained by such FDPs.

- On January 4, 2020 a National Seminar on 'Rashtra Nirman/ Naitik Values Unnat Bharat through Education & National Address on Ancient Management Skills' was conducted at AICTE. Dr. Sumant Tekade gave an inspiring talk. On the same day, along with CMAI, Sai Bhajan Sandhya by Shri Manhar Udhas was also organized with AICTE as one of the partners.

- Hon'ble HRD Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', inaugurated Online Portals of AICTE on January 12, 2020 at Graphic Era University, Dehradun. The online portals inaugurated included a) Technical Teachers Training Policy; b) National Educational Alliance for Technology (NEAT); c) Margdarshan; and d) Launch of Innovation Ideas Concept 2020.

- On January 20, 2020, "Pariksha Pe Charcha 2020", an interaction with Cross Section of Students by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India was aired live in the AICTE auditorium. This program was watched live by AICTE officers and officials. AICTE approved institutes and its students also participated by watching live telecast of this program.

- The 71st Republic Day celebrations were held at AICTE HQs and its Regional Offices. The program at AICTE Hqs. included, release of Document - Roles & Responsibilities of Bureaus/Cells, Regional Offices & Camp Offices of AICTE with Functionaries and distribution of incentive awards.

- AICTE, NPIU & ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Centre) organized an Awareness-cum-Proposal Development Workshop for establishing Centres of Excellence in Cyber-security in TEQIP funded and AICTE approved institutions on January 28, 2020 at Chennai and 30 institutions participated.

- For Chhatra Vishwakarma Awards 2019, 2372 applications have been received from students. After two levels of scrutiny, 401 applications have been selected for Regional Conventions held during 13th December 2019 to 10th January 2020. Students displayed their working prototypes to the Jury members. 117 Teams shortlisted for final round to exhibit their prototype at the National Convention and exhibition scheduled to be held in 3rd week of February, 2020.

- Utkrishth Sansthan Vishwakarma Awards, will be announced for the outstanding Institution for the work done in its adopted village. In this category, 14 institutes were selected after the presentation for the Expert Visit to the adopted village. The winner will be felicitated at the National Convention of Vishwakarma Awards 2019.

- For Sensitization on NITTT, NEAT and Quality Initiatives, Talks were delivered for improvement of quality in technical education, by AICTE officers on January 18, 2020 and January 24, 2020 at a seminar held at DST, Patna and RTU, Kota respectively.

- Under AICTE Training And Learning (ATAL) Academy following has been the progress:
  o Total 175 programmes have been conducted so far in last five months and trained more than 9000 participants in thrust areas. 25 more programmes shall be conducted in February and March 2020;

- o Proposal invitation for 500 training programmes in the year 20-21 is being announced shortly;
- o MOU with CDAC (Pan India) for creating expertise in thrust areas and FTII-Pune for training in Media Related emerging areas are planned;
- o MOU with VTU for establishment of ATAL Academy in Bangalore is also planned to be signed on 13th Feb in Hyderabad during Technical University Conclave.

- A committee was constituted to deliberate upon Grant of autonomy to AICTE approved polytechnic institutions in the country. The committee held three meetings in this regard. In the second meeting, representatives from all States were invited to gather their inputs.20 states represented. The committee has submitted its final report- Guidelines for Granting Autonomy to Polytechnics' which will be implemented.

- Under Canada India Acceleration Program(CIAP), a joint collaboration program of AICTE and Carleton University, Ottawa started in year 2018 wherein so far 10 female student innovator cum entrepreneurs have been benefitted as part of 1st cohort. These female students are selected for participation in CIAP through rigorous and multilevel selection and mentoring process. An orientation session for the 2nd cohort of 5 female entrepreneurs was organized on Jan 18, 2020 at AICTE. This 2nd cohort received 2-week long training at Carleton University, Canada during Jan 19-31,2020. A short interaction session with 2nd cohort on return was held at AICTE on Feb 2, 2020 with a focus on their learnings and experiences. AICTE will also provide incubation linkage with funding support to these teams to pursue entrepreneurial career.

The Chairman apprised the members that Hon'ble Supreme Court has vacated the stay for Approval Process 2020-21. The APH regulations are now being gazetted. The AICTE is thankful to the MHRD and its officers / Dr. Renuka Mishra for their support, guidance and in-time filing of affidavit in the matter.

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. 131.01.01	:	To confirm the minutes of the 130th meeting of the Executive Committee held on December 19, 2019

The Executive Committee confirmed the minutes of the 130th meeting of the Executive Committee held on December 19, 2019

Item No. 131.02.01   To receive a note on action taken on the decisions taken and recommendations made in the 130th meeting of the Executive Committee held on December 19, 2019.

The Executive Committee received the note on action taken on the decisions taken at the 130th meeting of the Executive Committee held on December 19, 2019.

Item No. 131.03.01   To consider and approve publishing of a notification on clarifications of
RIFD Bureau   anomalies/issues relating to pay scales, qualifications and service conditions prescribed in 7th CPC Notification dated 01.03.2019 issued by AICTE.

The Executive Committee was informed that AICTE had received several representations from faculty/ teachers/ welfare associations and others seeking clarification on issues/ anomalies in the context of the AICTE notification dated 01.03.2019 as per 7th CPC. Accordingly, AICTE constituted a Committee of Experts to address the same.

The Executive Committee deliberated and approved the recommendations of the committee with certain amendments, on the clarifications of anomalies/issues relating to pay scales, qualifications and service conditions prescribed in 7th CPC Notification dated 01.03.2019 issued by AICTE.

The Executive Committee was also informed that another Committee of experts also examined the issues/anomalies relating to pay scales, qualifications and service conditions prescribed in 6th CPC Notification issued by AICTE. The recommendations and clarifications on the same were circulated on table during the meeting. The EC deliberated and approved the same with certain amendments.

The representative of MHRD advised to send a copy to MHRD for concurrence before the notifications are issued. Accordingly, it was decided to write to MHRD for its concurrence.

Item No. 131.03.02
MIC

To consider and approve the budget for organizing India ASEAN Hackathon 2020.

The Executive Committee was informed that a Hackathon involving ASEAN countries was announced by Hon'ble Prime Minister in his speech during Singapore India Hackathon 2019 held in September, 2019. Subsequently, a meeting was held at MHRD on December 20th, 2019, under the chairmanship of Secretary (HE) along with officials from AICTE, MIC and two officials from MEA (ASEAN Desk). During this meeting a decision was taken regarding organizing the India-ASEAN hackathon involving interested ASEAN countries in September 2020, wherein it was also decided that all expenses related to India-ASEAN Hackathon will be borne by AICTE.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposed budget of Rs.2.30 Crores for organizing India ASEAN Hackathon 2020, to be met from IRG of AICTE.

Item No. 131.03.03
MIC

To consider and approve the budget for organizing India Portugal Hackathon 2020.

The Executive Committee was informed that a decision on organizing India Portugal hackathon was taken by Hon'ble Prime Minister during his meeting with PM of Portugal. A communication from Ministry of External Affairs was received by AICTE to organize hackathon 2020 involving Portugal on February 14th, 2020 to coincide it with visit of the President of Portugal to India. However, Portugal government took time to formally come onboard for this concept, thus it was felt that Hackathon on 14th Feb is not feasible

and thereafter it was decided that only formal announcement regarding India-Portugal Hackathon will be made on 14th Feb 2020 and the preparation will start for this proposed Hackathon which is now scheduled post June 2020 based on mutually convenient dates.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposed budget of Rs.81.0 Lakhs for organizing India Portugal Hackathon 2020, to be met from IRG of AICTE.

Item No. 131.03.04 **RIFD Bureau**	To consider and approve `Hanuman Vyayam Prasark Mandal, Amravati, Maharashtra' to conduct one FDP for Sport-Games Teachers, quarterly in each forthcoming three years.

The Executive Committee deliberated and in-principle approved the proposal to conduct one FDP for Sport-Games Teachers, quarterly in each forthcoming three years. The Executive Committee further decided that AICTE should explore more possibilities of identifying reputed Universities and Institutes in the country which have adequate infrastructure and other facilities in physical education for conducting FDP for Sport-Games Teachers, quarterly in each forthcoming three years.

Item No. 131.03.05 **SDC**	To consider and approve Proposal for Financial Support for organizing WAWE Summit 2019-20.

The Executive Committee was informed that International Institute of Waste Management(IIWM), Bangalore is organizing WAWE (Waste management Accelerators for aspiring Women Entrepreneurs) Summit, 2019-20 and Shri. Ramesh Pokhriyal, Hon'ble HRM launched its brochure. This Summit is designed in such a way that it is aligned with several AICTE's new policies, especially with focus on innovations, women empowerment and Waste Management.

The Executive Committee deliberated and approved a sum of Rs.10.00 lakhs as financial support from AICTE for the successful conduct of this programme and to meet some of the preparatory expenses of WAWE Summit.

Item No. 131.03.06 **MIC**	To consider and approve partnering of i4c and Persistent Systems as partner of AICTE and MHRD in forthcoming Smart India Hackathon (SIH 2020).

The Executive Committee was informed that i4c is a Section 8 Non-profit Company partnering with AICTE and MHRD for organizing Smart India Hackathon (SIH) since its first edition. Persistent Systems and i4C are involved in every aspect of SIH which includes problem statements evaluation, communication with industries, idea evaluation, judging process, etc.
The Executive Committee deliberated and approved that i4c & Persistent Systems may continue as partners with AICTE and MHRD for the forthcoming SIH 2020. The EC further noted the audited statement submitted by i4c and allowed i4c to have

sponsorships for generating revenue and submit audited statement subsequently. A letter to this effect may be issued to i4c for SIH 2020.

Item No. 131.03.07 **NEAT Cell**	To consider and approve the allocation of budget till F.Y. 2019-20 (till 31st March 2020), for execution of National Educational Alliance for Technology (NEAT) scheme.

The Executive Committee was informed that National Educational Alliance for Technology (NEAT) is a Public-Private partnership model between the Government (through its implementing agency AICTE) and the Education Technology Companies of India. AICTE is playing a role of facilitator between Ed-Tech companies and students /youth thereby enhancing their employability skills, bridge their learning gaps.

For smooth implementation of NEAT scheme, various activities are to be carried out like Expression of Interest Advertisement for Phase-2, awareness workshops, social media marketing and experts' committee meetings for which a tentative budget of Rs.68,31,200/- has been proposed for the FY 2019-20. The EC was also apprised that during one of the meetings in MHRD headed by the Secretary (HE). It was decided that the NEAT portal developed by existing service provider for AICTE, e-governance project i.e. M/s. L&T Infotech Ltd. (LTI). The NEAT Portal Committee recommended for continuance of LTI for development of NEAT Portal under "Change Request" on an expenditure of Rs.38,25,000/- (Phase I and II). This expenditure is a component in the budget proposed for NEAT i.e. Rs.68,31,200/-

The EC considered and approved the budget of Rs.68,31,200/- for NEAT as proposed for the FY 2019-20.

Item No. 131.03.08 **P&AP Bureau**	To consider and approve a project proposal "Development of Curriculum & Textbook for a Course on Indian Knowledge Systems".

The Executive Committee was informed that AICTE has introduced mandatory non-credit course on Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) and an elective on Universal Human Values (UHV), however, there is no authentic text book available on IKS. A project proposal on "Curriculum Development and preparation of textbook for a course on IKS from Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bangalore through Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) has been received. IIM-Bangalore has proposed to develop course curriculum on ancient IKS and prepare a textbook for the same in association with SVYASA, Bangalore and Chinmaya Vishwavidyapeeth, Ernakulam, which could be used as the primary material for teaching IKS course introduced by AICTE in its model curriculum.

The Executive Committee deliberated and approved the proposed budget of Rs.45,00,000/- (Forty-Five lakh) to IIM-Bangalore for the project to be completed within a period of 18 months. The EC further decided that the amount shall be released in three (03) phases based on the progress of work and utilisation of funds.

Item No. 131.03.09 **E-Gov. Cell**	To consider and approve the proposal for procurement of desktop PCs, all-in-one PCs, Laptops & multi-function Printers (Black & White, Color & Heavy Duty), Scanners, Photocopiers, MS Office, Antivirus etc. for AICTE HQrs. & Regional Offices and Antivirus & VMware Licenses for Servers of AICTE DATA Centre.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal for incurring an expenditure of Rs. 2,64,97,600.00 (Rupees Two Crore Sixty-Four Lakh Ninety-Seven Thousand Six Hundred only) plus applicable taxes for procurement of desktop PCs, all-in-one PCs, Laptops & multi-function Printers (Black & White, Color & Heavy Duty), Scanners, Photocopiers, MS Office, Antivirus etc. for AICTE Hqrs. & Regional Offices and Antivirus & VMware Licenses for Servers of AICTE DATA Centre through GeM Portal.

Item No. 131.03.10 **E-Gov. Cell**	To consider and approve Cloud Hosting of AICTE E-Governance Applications.

The Executive Committee was informed that cloud hosting will help AICTE utilise and harness its benefits and accelerated delivery of e-services, optimizing IT infrastructure & maintenance cost. It has been therefore proposed to avail Cloud Services to host AICTE applications, websites, web-portals, databases etc. and move them to Cloud Environments of selected service provider like STPI /NIC /MEITY or other Cloud Service Providers as per the recommendations of the Technical Expert Advisory Committee.

The Executive Committee considered and approved Cloud Hosting of AICTE E-Governance Applications as referred above.

Item No. 131.03.11 **E-gov. Cell**	To consider and approve amendments to eligibility criteria, Salary etc. of IT Manpower hired in AICTE through BECIL/ NIELIT etc.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the amendments as recommended by the Committee headed by Prof. S. Sadagopan, Director, IIIT-Bangalore regarding eligibility criteria, Salary etc. of IT Manpower hired in AICTE through BECIL/ NIELIT etc.

Item No. 131.03.12 **RIFD Bureau**	To consider and approve the proposal to discontinue the practice of conducting EVC inspections in respect of Govt. Engineering Colleges/ Polytechnics before release of 2nd instalment of sanctioned Grant by AICTE for construction of girls / boys hostels for providing residential accommodation for students / researchers belonging to SC/ST category.

The Executive Committee was informed that as per the prevailing practice, the EVC inspections are conducted at all institutions when they raise the demand for release of 2nd installment for construction of girls / boys hostels for providing residential accommodation for students / researchers belonging to SC/ST category.

The Executive Committee considered and approved to forego the practice of conducting EVC inspections in respect of Govt. Engineering Colleges/ Polytechnics before release of 2nd installment of sanctioned Grant by AICTE consisting of 40% of sanctioned amount of total grant for all cases sanctioned till date and new proposals to be sanctioned in future by AICTE and to allow release of installments based on declaration given by Director/Principal of the Institute. However, the EVC for Government-aided Engineering institutions may be continued as per prevailing practice.

Item No. 131.03.13
RIFD Bureau

To consider and approve proposal for modifying the eligibility criteria in Scheme documents by including Polytechnic institutions in addition to the Govt./Govt. aided Engineering Colleges with effect from retrospective period 2012-13 onwards.

This Agenda Item was withdrawn.

Item No. 131.03.14
Admin Bureau

To consider and approve the recommendations of Selection Committees held on 30th and 31st January, 2020 for various Group "A" posts (On deputation basis).

The envelope containing the recommendations of the Selection Committee meeting held on 30th and 31st January 2020 for selection of Adviser-I (one post) and Director (three posts), on deputation basis in AICTE was opened and names announced as below:

Post : Adviser-I

Selected Candidate	Candidates in Panel
Dr. B.L. Rama	1. Dr. Rajendra B. Kakde
	2. Mrs. Mamta Rani Agarwal
	3. Dr. Sharad Kumar Pradhan

Post : Director

Selected Candidate	Candidates in Panel
1. Sh. Amit Kumar Srivastava	1. Dr. Amit Dutta
2. Sh. Ravindra Singh	2. Mrs. Anshu Sharma
3. Sh. Anand Kumar Sharma	

The Executive Committee approved the recommendations of the Selection Committee, for Adviser-I and Director and also keep the wait listed open for one year in case vacancies arise during this period.

Item No. 131.04.01

To ratify the action taken by ATAL Academy on:
(a) Extra expenditure for ATAL Programmes, if participants are more than 50 nos. (Rs.8.00 lakhs);
(b) Purchasing of books on emerging areas of FDP for conducting ATAL Programmes (Rs.5.00 lakhs);
(c) Sanctioning common amount for video recording of ATAL programmes in various colleges throughout the country (Rs.5.00 lakhs).

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 131.05.01   To receive the information on the re-constitution of ten All India Boards.

The Executive received the information.

Item No. 131.05.02   :   To receive information on the implementation of the revised minimum wages as per Delhi Gazette Notification dated 22.10.2019.
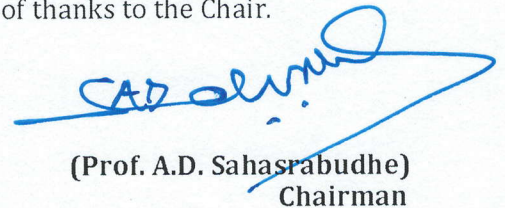
The Executive received the information.

Item No. 131.05.03   :   To receive the information on the minor corrections made due to typographical error in the minutes of the 129th meeting of the Executive Committee under Agenda Item No. 129.03.02.

The Executive received the information.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

(Prof. Rajive Kumar)
Member Secretary

(Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe)
Chairman