

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

Minutes of the 133rd Emergent Executive Committee meeting held on April 27 2020 at 11.00 am in the Board Room, Second Floor, Wing 4, at AICTE Headquarters, Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi and the majority of members through Video conferencing:

Following 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 (through Video Conferencing)	Nominee, Secretary, MHRD, New Delhi
4.	Prof. Uday Kumar Director, MNIT, Jaipur (through Video Conferencing)	Member
5.	Prof. V.K. Saraswat (Chairman, AIB-TE) Director –IET, Agra, UP (through Video Conferencing)	Member
6.	Prof. Pramod Yeole, (Chairman, AIB-PE) Vice Chancellor, BAMU, Aurangabad, Maharashtra (through Video Conferencing)	Member
7.	Shri. Biswajit Majumder OSD (Technical) Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Tripura (through Video Conferencing)	Nominee, Secretary (TE) Govt of Tripura
8.	Prof. Anil Mathur, Dean (FA), Rajasthan Technical University, Kota, Rajasthan (through Video Conferencing)	Member
9.	Prof. Arvind Choubey, Director, IIIT, Bhagalpur (through Video Conferencing)	Member
10.	Prof. G. P. Vadodaria Principal, L. D. College, Ahmedabad (through Video Conferencing)	Member
11.	Prof. Rajive Kumar Member Secretary	Member

Prof. T.G. Sitharam, Chairman, SWRC-AICTE; Prof. P.S. N. Rao, Chairman, AIB-TCP, AICTE; JS & FA, MHRD, N Delhi; Secretary, Technical Education Govt. of Uttar Pradesh; Secretary, Technical Education Govt. of Uttarakhand; Secretary, Technical Education, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh; Prof. H.C. Verma, IIT-Kanpur; Chairman, UGC; Director General, IAMR; Director General, ICAR; could not attend the meeting due to their prior engagements.



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At the outset, Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE welcomed all the members to the 133rd emergent meeting of the Executive Committee. He informed the members about the urgent nature of agenda items being placed in today's meeting, amidst closure of institutes and transport in the country due to COVID-2019 pandemic. Maintaining the norms of physical distancing in this crisis period, the members joined this meeting through Video Conferencing. The Chairman, briefed the members about the recent activities / achievements of AICTE since last reported in the 132nd meeting of the Executive Committee held on 23-03-2020. He shared the same with the members joined online through Video conferencing in the form of ppt presentation (Annexed) which included launch of Student Helpline portal, launch of ELIS portal, access to free portal on e-learning resources for students, USVA-2020 with the theme: India Fights Corona. In addition to this, the online UHV workshops on SIP, Internships and proposed MoUs with NHAI & MoHUA, Impact Workshops, other work from Home Internships. NITTT, Margdarshak, Online FDPs under ATAL, NEAT, Examination Reforms, Mapping of SWAYAM courses to AICTE for the model curriculum of UG courses in engineering. Further, EC was apprised about development of portal for latest updates, ongoing activities and initiatives of AICTE, portal developed to facilitate uploading of research work in Indian Knowledge Systems, Instructions issued to institutions vide letter dated 15-04-2020 during lock down period, release of PMSSS and various other scholarships, upcoming launch of Anandibai Award for empowering women and innovation activities: Fight Corona IDEATHON/ SAMADHAN / Leadership talks. AICTE has tried to ensure that these online activities have far reaching positive impact on Students, Faculty/ Institutions during the lockdown period. The EC members applauded the efforts made by AICTE during tough time of COVID-2019 under the dynamic leadership of Prof Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman AICTE.

Chairman on behalf of AICTE congratulated and acknowledged the contribution of the Frontline Corona warriors to fight against COVID-2019 and all AICTE employees.

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

- Item No. 133.01** : To consider the proposal of modifying the procedures specified in APH 2020-21 to ease the process of approval due to spread of Coronavirus (COVID -19), lock down throughout the nation.

The Executive Committee was informed that due to the spread of Coronavirus (COVID- 19), lock down throughout the nation, the completion of the Approval process requires modification in its procedure and calendar stipulated in APH 2020-21. It is also apprehended that even after the lifting of lockdown, expecting normalcy will be slightly doubtful. Therefore, organizing Scrutiny Committee by calling the representatives or sending a team of EVC experts to various places would be highly unsafe as well as commuting will also be difficult. The EC was apprised that online meeting platforms for conducting Scrutiny/ EVC with local available experts may also be attempted for granting approvals to the Institutions, with the existing Sitting Fee for experts. Dr. Usha Natesan, Adviser, Approval Bureau briefed the members on the proposed modified procedure in APH 2020-21, through Video Conferencing

The Executive Committee deliberated and approved the following modified procedure:



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Sl. No.	Applied for	Process	Process Modification
1	Extension of Approval based on Self-Disclosure	EC	EC
2	Introduction/ Continuation of seats for Non Resident Indian(s)	EC	EC
3	Extension of Approval of the existing Institutions after a break in the preceding Academic Year	EVC	Affidavit
4	Introduction of supernumerary seats for Foreign Nationals/ Overseas Citizen of India (OCI)/ Persons of Indian Origin (PIO)/ Children of Indian Workers in Gulf Countries	EVC	Online Scrutiny, Affidavit + NBA Accreditation Letters
5	Restoration of Intake	EVC	Affidavit
6	To start Diploma/ Degree in Pharmacy in existing Institutions by those who wish to take AICTE approval	EVC	Affidavit
7	Change in the name of the Affiliating University/ Board	Scrutiny	Online Scrutiny Affidavit + NOC from the University
8	Change in the Name of the Institution	Scrutiny	Affidavit
9	Change in the Minority Status of the Institution	Scrutiny	Affidavit Scrutiny after June
10	Change in the Name of the Bank	Scrutiny	Affidavit Scrutiny after June
11	Change in Name of the Course	Scrutiny	Online Scrutiny Affidavit + NOC from the University
12	Change in the Name of the Trust/ Society/ Company	Scrutiny	Affidavit Scrutiny after June
13	Closure of the Institution	Scrutiny	Scrutiny after June
14	Reduction in Intake/ Closure of Programme(s)/ Course(s)	Scrutiny	Affidavit Scrutiny for Closure after June
15	Conversion of Co-Ed Institution into Women's Institution	Scrutiny	Online Scrutiny Affidavit + NOC from the University + NOC from the State Government/ UT
16	Conversion of Women's Institution into Co-Ed Institution	Scrutiny	Online Scrutiny Affidavit + NOC from the University + NOC from the State Government/ UT




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17	Conversion of Degree Level into Diploma Level	Scrutiny	Online Scrutiny Affidavit + NOC from the University + NOC from the State Government/ UT
18	Extended EoA	Scrutiny	Affidavit Scrutiny after June
19	Change in the Type of Institution (Institution(s) converted into a University)	Scrutiny	Online Scrutiny Affidavit + NOC from the University
20	Closing of MCA Course and Introduction of MBA/ PGDM Course and vice-versa	Scrutiny	Online Scrutiny Affidavit + NOC from the University
21	Conversion of PGDM Course(s) into MBA Course(s) and vice-versa	Scrutiny	Affidavit
22	Merger of the Courses	Scrutiny	Affidavit
23	Introduction of Integrated/ Dual Degree Course	Scrutiny	Affidavit
24	Introduction of Fellow Program in Management	Scrutiny	Affidavit
25	Conversion of Courses into allied Vocational Courses/ New Vocational Courses	Scrutiny	Affidavit
26	Increase in Intake/ Additional Course(s)	Scrutiny	Online Scrutiny Affidavit + NBA Accreditation Letters
27	Collaboration and Twinning Programme	Scrutiny	Online Scrutiny (Affidavit to be verified)
28	Change of Site/ Location	Scrutiny + EVC	Online Scrutiny If cleared in Scrutiny, EVC may be conducted after June (Affidavit to be verified)
29	Conversion of Diploma Level into Degree Level	Scrutiny + EVC	Online Scrutiny If cleared in Scrutiny, EVC may be conducted after June (Affidavit to be verified)
30	Merger of Institutions under the same Trust/ Society/ Company operating in the same Campus	Scrutiny + EVC	Online Scrutiny If cleared in Scrutiny, EVC may be conducted after June (Affidavit to be verified)
31	To start new Programme/ Level in the existing Institutions	Scrutiny + EVC	Online Scrutiny If cleared in Scrutiny, EVC may be conducted after June (Affidavit to be verified)




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32	Setting up a new Technical Institution	Scrutiny + EVC	Online Scrutiny + online EVC
33	Introduction of Open and Distance Learning Courses	Scrutiny + EVC	Online Scrutiny + online EVC
34	EoA for Vocational Course(s) including increase and decrease of approved Intake	Scrutiny	Affidavit
35	Addition of new Vocational Course(s) in existing Institutes	Scrutiny	Online Scrutiny
36	Institutions applying Vocational Course(s) for the first time	Scrutiny	Online Scrutiny

The EC approved the above modified process of approval for all similar courses under the ambit of AICTE and spelt in APH 2020-21. Further, in case of difficulty in getting stamp paper or the attestation by the Authorities at this time, the EC suggested to accept the Signed Undertaking on the Letterhead of the Institutions, but the Institutions shall submit the Affidavit on a Non-Judicial Stamp Paper on or before 30th June 2020.

The Institutions applied for EoA without any changes vis-à-vis last year's approval, based on the self-disclosure have been approved by the Executive Committee and such Institutions may download the EoA letter from the AICTE web portal from 30th April 2020.

The Executive Committee further considering the exigency and extraordinary situation, approved the action taken to appeal the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India to extend the date for grant of approval upto 15th June 2020 as per the following modified Academic Calendar (Appendix 19 of APH).

	As Per APH 2020-21	Proposed Modification for only current year
Last date to grant approval to Technical Institution	30 th April of the Calendar Year	15 th June 2020
Grant of affiliation by University/ Board	15 th May of the Calendar Year	30 th June 2020
Completion of First round of counselling/ admission for allotment of seats	On or before 30 th June of the Calendar Year	On or before 15 th August 2020
Completion of Second round of counselling/ admission for allotment of seats	On or before 10 th July of the Calendar Year	On or before 25 th August 2020
Last date upto which students can be admitted against vacancies	15 th August of the Calendar Year	31 st August of the Calendar Year
Commencement of classes for existing students of technical courses except PGDM/PGCM	-	1 st August 2020

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Commencement of the academic session and the teaching process including Lateral Entry to Second Year Courses for newly admitted students	1 st August of the Calendar Year	1 st September 2020
Technical Institutions conducting PGDM/PGCM Courses shall not initiate the admission before	1 st April of the Calendar Year	1 st April 2020
Commencement of classes for existing students PGDM/PGCM	---	1 st July 2020
Last date for cancellation of seats of PGDM/PGCM with full refund	30 th June of the Calendar year	25 th July 2020
Admission ending date of PGDM/ PGCM Courses	30 th June every year	31 st July 2020
The academic session for the PGDM/ PGCM Courses for newly admitted students	1 st July of the Current Calendar Year to 30 th June of the next Calendar Year	1 st August 2020 to 31 st July 2021
Last date upto which students can be admitted in Open and Distance Learning Courses	15 th August and 15 th February of the Calendar Year for the July and January Session respectively	15 th August 2020 and 15 th February 2021

The Academic Calendar shall be in line with the UGC guidelines with minor changes as above especially in respect of standalone PGDM/PGCM institutes.

It was also decided that classes shall start as per above calendar. However, physical classes may only start after the MHRD, GoI decides on this aspect. But online classes may start as per above calendar.

The Executive Committee noted and approved that during this online process of approval, new / more local available Experts may be identified from various disciplines to be utilized for Scrutiny Committees and EVCs which may be carried out by all regional offices.

The EC opined that provision shall be made in the Portal for the experts of the Scrutiny Committee/ EVC to view all the documents uploaded by the Institutions at least one day prior to the date of the online meeting.



Item No. 133.02

: To consider and approve the request of the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Telangana, for the grant of EOA for 238 institutions in South Central Region in A/Y 2020-21.

The EC deliberated and also noted that the MHRD is aware of the entire issue which needs to be resolved at the earliest. The EC, therefore decided to keep the matter on hold till the response of MHRD is received and same may be placed before the next meeting of EC for a final decision.

Item No. 133.03

To consider and approve functioning of Innovation Cell under administrative and financial control of AICTE.

The Executive Committee noted that the Innovation Cell of MHRD was established with the approval of Ministry of HRD, GoI vide their letter No. 36-20/2018-NVEQF dated 30th May 2018 for setting up of Innovation Cell be operated in AICTE with its own resources. The MHRD had also approved annual budget with restricted outlay of Rs.6 Crore per year for a period of 2 years i.e. 2018-19 to 2019-20.

The EC also noted that :

i) The posts of Chief Innovation Officer, Innovation Director, Assistant Innovation Director and Innovation Officers of MIC were approved on contract basis for a period of 2 years;

ii) MHRD now vide its letter dated 20-03-2020 has accorded extension of MIC for three more years from 1/04/2020 to 31/03/2023 and has also informed that the Integrated Finance Division of MHRD has remarked that as AICTE is the regulator for the Technical Education in the country, it may run the Innovation Cell or any other similar Cell, if deemed necessary as per its mandate. Also, the activities of MIC do not overlap with ATAL Innovation Mission (AIM) of NITI Aayog.

iii) MHRD has agreed that MIC may function under AICTE with the above mentioned posts and AICTE may provide necessary support staff to MIC.

The Executive Committee in consonance with MHRD's letter dated 20.03.2020, has decided that MIC will continue to function under the administrative and financial control of Member Secretary, AICTE.

The EC approved the continuation or otherwise of the existing / selected officers of MIC for another three years but after obtaining the satisfactory self appraisal of earlier term through proper channel. The appointment letters be issued after the concurrence of EC and MHRD. The terms and conditions of appointment shall be the same as approved



earlier by the EC.

The EC while noting its decision in its 130th meeting and MHRD's aforesaid letter of 20-03-2020, approved the proposal of issuing letters of appointment to Mr. Dipan Sahu for the post of Assistant Innovation Director and Ms. Selva Rani for the post of Innovation Officer.

The Executive Committee also approved the requisite budget of MIC to be carried forward for the FY 2020-21 to meet the day to day requirements. The EC further approved an amount of Rs.6.00 crores per year to be met from IRG of AICTE. The EC opined that MIC should prepare a detailed report about the outcomes of last two years, prepare a holistic plan for the next two years with clearly defined outcomes and detailed budget for the year 2020-21 which shall be in turn shared with MHRD and after consent from MHRD placed in the EC for approval.

All officers and staff of MIC were acknowledged for their contribution in various Innovation activities, Hackathons, Startups etc. and allotment of a dedicated DTH Swayam Prabha Channel for Innovation activities.

Item No. 133.04

To consider and approve conducting online FDP under AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academies and budget for Rs.77,19,000/- for conducting 83 online FDPs during lockdown period in April, May and June 2020.

The Executive Committee was informed that AICTE Training And Learning (ATAL) Academies have started unique faculty development programs in various thrust areas of modern technology. Approximately 200 such programs have already been conducted in various government institutions benefitting around 10,000 faculty, research scholars & PG students. Seeing the success of this initiative, ATAL Academy has announced to organize 500 FDPs across the country for FY 2020-21.

The EC also noted that the proposals were invited for conducting 500 face to face FDPs which were being finalized; however, it got delayed due to countrywide lockdown. During this lockdown period, online FDPs were proposed to be conducted so that faculty may utilize their time fruitfully. Looking at the tremendous response and popularity of these FDPs amongst faculty, total of 83 such online FDPs are announced to be conducted in April, May and June 2020. Few online FDPs have already been conducted and others are in the pipeline.



The Executive Committee deliberated and approved the action taken on conducting 83 online FDPs during April, May and June 2020 under ATAL Academy and also approved a budget of Rs.77,19,000/- (Rupees Seventy-seven lakh nineteen thousand only) for the same.

Item No. 133.05

: To ratify the prize money for winning teams of SAMADHAN and Fight Corona IDEathon.

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



(Prof. Rajive Kumar)
Member Secretary



(Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe)
Chairman

