

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

Minutes of the 137th Executive Committee meeting held on September 30, 2020 at 10.30 am in the Board Room, Second Floor, Wing 1, 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), Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, New Delhi (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Nominee, Secretary, MoE, GOI, New Delhi
4.	Prof. Uday Kumar, (Chairman, NWRC-AICTE) Director, MNIT, Jaipur, Rajasthan (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
5.	Prof. V.K. Saraswat (Chairman, AIB-TE) Director –IET, Agra, UP (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
6.	Prof. Pramod Yeole, (Chairman, AIB-PE) Vice Chancellor, BAMU, Aurangabad, Maharashtra (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
7.	Dr. P.S.N. Rao (Chairman, AIB-TCP) SPA, New Delhi (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
8.	Shri Anil Kumar Director (IFD) Ministry of Education, Govt of India, New Delhi	Nominee, JS& FA, MoE, GOI, New Delhi
9.	Shri Saju A. Vaheed, Director (HE) Govt. of Tripura, Agartala (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Nominee, Secretary (TE/HE) Govt. of Tripura
10.	Shri R.P. Gupta Additional Director (TE) Govt. of Uttrakhand. Dehradun (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Nominee, Secretary (TE) Govt. of Uttrakhand
11.	Shri Satish Chandra Principal Secretary (HE/TE), Govt of Andhra Pradesh (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
12.	Prof. Anil Mathur, Dean (FA), Rajasthan Technical University, Kota, Rajasthan (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
13.	Prof. K. K. Aggarwal Chairman, NBA	Special Invitee
14.	Prof. Rajive Kumar, Member Secretary, AICTE	Member Secretary

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Chairman, SWRC-AICTE; Secretary (TE), Govt. of Uttar Pradesh; Prof. H.C. Verma, IIT-Kanpur; Prof. Arvind Choubey, Director, IIIT Bhagalpur, Bihar; Prof. G. P. Vadodaria, Principal, Govt. College of Engineering, Bhavnagar; Chairman, UGC; Director General, IAMR; Director General, ICAR could not attend the meeting due to their prior engagements.

At the outset, Prof. A.D. Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE welcomed all the members to the 137th meeting of the Executive Committee. The Chairman briefed the members about the recent activities/achievements of AICTE since last reported in the 136th Executive Committee meeting held on 17th July, 2020, in the form of ppt presentation (Annexed) which included: UKERI - Cohort 6 (Year 2020-21); AICTE-MHRD Internship Enterprise portal; Online workshop on Universal Human Values; Flag Hoisting Ceremony on the 74th Independence Day at AICTE Hqrs., & Regional offices; Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements under Ministry of Education Innovation Cell (MIC); NEAT 2.0; AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy; Student Development Cell- Webinar's; New interventions - 11 Online feedback meetings with Prerana Beneficiaries (2017-18); AICTE Pragati and Saksham Scholarship Schemes for students' of 13 States/ UTs; Himalaya Diwas 2020; National Initiative for Technical Teachers Training; First-ever AICTE Visvesvaraya Best Teachers Award; AICTE-Scheme for Promoting Interests, Creativity and Ethics among Students (SPICES); अभातशिप मुख्यालय में हिन्दी पखवाड़ा कार्यक्रम, 2020 का आयोजन; Utkrisht Sansthan Vishwakarma Awards (USVA) 2020; Signing of MOUs; Accelerate International Programme between AICTE & Mitacs, Canada; and Prime Ministers' Special Scholarship Scheme (PMSSS).

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. Prof. K.K Aggarwal, Chairman NBA expressed his pleasure and lauded the work done by AICTE under the able leadership and guidance of Prof. Sahasrabudhe.

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

Item No. 137.01.01 : To confirm the minutes of the 136th meeting of the Executive Committee held on July 17, 2020.

The Executive Committee confirmed the minutes of the 136th meeting of the Executive Committee held on July 17, 2020.

Item No. 137.02.01 To receive a note on action taken on the decisions taken and recommendations made in the 136th meeting of the Executive Committee held on July 17, 2020.

The Executive Committee noted the action taken on the decisions taken and recommendations made in the 136th meeting of the Executive Committee held on July 17, 2020. The EC also noted under Item No. 136.03.06 that although RFP was prepared for engaging manpower agency, due to ongoing pandemic and difficulty in getting completely new agency and adjustment in AICTE, as per GFR 194, AICTE decided to continue existing Government agency i.e. M/s. BECIL at same terms and conditions for two more years.



Item No. 137.03.01
StDC

To consider and approve implementation of the scheme of "AICTE Doctoral Fellowship (ADF)" in place of ongoing "NDF Scheme".

The Executive Committee deliberated and approved the proposal of revision of allocation of seats to the concerned Universities to support those QIP centres, which do not cover under the 26 Universities, to which fellowships have been allotted under the scheme 'AICTE Doctoral Fellowship (ADF)'.

Item No. 137.03.02
Admin Bureau.

To consider and approve the recommendations of the Committee constituted for considering the representation of Sh. Satish Kumar, Council Engineer, AICTE.

The Executive Committee deliberated on the matter and the recommendations of the Committee constituted for considering the representation of Sh. Satish Kumar, Council Engineer, AICTE. The EC noted that although recommendation by committee referred to a case of regularisation which did not mention contract service, the Chairman, AICTE pointed out that there are other similar cases where even prior contractual service is considered. He referred to the decision of Nagpur Bench at Nagpur of High Court of Judicature at Bombay in the WP No. 2046/2010 in respect of Sachin Ambadas Dawale & other Vs. The State of Maharashtra and Director of Technical Education, State of Maharashtra. The relevant extract of the judgement dated 19-10-2013 is as follows:

"... The Lecturers who were appointed on contractual basis submitted a charter of demands to the Government of Maharashtra, which was considered by the Government of Maharashtra and it was directed that those Lecturers will be continued in service on contractual basis after giving a technical break of 4 to 5 days, until the candidates regularly selected by the MPSC are available. Thirty days leave was also sanctioned for these contractual employees by the government by resolution dated 18th February, 2006. The monthly salary of these contractual employees was increased from Rs.8000/- to 12000/- in case of Lecturers, from Rs.12000/- to Rs.16000/- in case of Assistant Professors and from Rs.16400 to Rs.20,000/- in case of Professors...

...Insofar as the contention of the respondents that the petitioners were aware that their appointment was for a limited period on contract basis and as such they are not entitled to claim regularization is concerned, the said submission is also without substance. It is not in dispute that during this period i.e. upto 2010 the appointments which were made, were made only through the process by which the petitioners were selected. It is not as if during

the said period MPSC was also conducting selectin process simultaneously. It is not therefore as if the petitioners has choice to participate in the selection process through MPSC as well as through the Committees constituted under the said Government Resolution...

...The respondents are directed to regularize the service of such of the petitioners and confer permanency on such petitioners who have completed three years' service with technical breaks. The respondent shall absorb the petitioners within a period of six weeks. Needless to state that the petitioners who are in continuous employment till 15-10-2013 shall be continued in service as regular employees.

However, in the facts and circumstances of the case, we direct that the petitioners shall be entitled to regular salary from 1st November, 2013 and would not be entitled to claim any monetary benefits for the past services rendered by them in spite of their regularization. Needless to state that since the petitioners' services are regularized, they shall be entitled to the continuity in service for all other purposes except monetary purpose from the date of their first appointment..."

Further, the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its decision in SLP(C) No. 39014 of 2013 has dismissed the SLP in respect of State of Maharashtra & Anr. Vs. Sachin Ambadas Dawale & Ors., finding no merit in the SLP and thus rejecting all IAs. Thus, the Supreme Court has upheld the above mentioned decision of the Nagpur Bench at Nagpur in the High Court of Judicature at Bombay in WP 2046/2010.

The EC decided that the matter may be again reviewed by the same Committee and Shri Naveen Sohi, Ex-Director (IFD), MHRD (MoE) may be included in the Committee. Also the norms for counting the contractual services of faculty in UGC and AICTE, which are also published time to time in their Gazette notification may be provided to the committee. The recommendations of the Committee may be placed before the next meeting of the EC.

Item No. 137.03.03
IDC

To consider and approve revision of honorarium to experts for evaluation of applications/ proposals to be received for various schemes under AQIS

The Executive Committee considered the proposal and approved revision in payment of honorarium to Expert members for evaluation of proposals under AQIS by fixing Rs.200/- per proposal evaluated, subject to a minimum amount of Rs.2000/- instead of three slab method as proposed.

Item No. 137.03.04
IDC

To consider and approve revision of guidelines of the Grant for organizing Conference (GOC) scheme.

The Executive Committee deliberated and approved the proposed revision of guidelines of the scheme of 'Grant for organizing Conference (GOC)'. The EC opined that the amendments approved, shall help collaboration among institutions.

Item No. 137.03.05
P&AP Bureau

To consider and approve issuance of a circular to all States/ UTs regarding clarification on equivalence/relevance or appropriateness of nomenclatures of degrees in Engineering and Technology for recruitment to teaching positions / promotions / CAS in the same or the other institutions/Universities.

The Executive Committee deliberated at length and approved the publication/ issuance of the notification/circular to all States/ UTs regarding clarification on equivalence/relevance or appropriateness of nomenclatures of degrees in Engineering and Technology for recruitment to teaching positions / promotions / CAS in the same or the other institutions/Universities.

Item No. 137.03.06
SWAYAM Cell

To consider and approve the payment of professional fee and other charges to Shri Neeraj Aarora, Advocate on record, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi appointed as an Arbitrator from AICTE side in terms of Schedule 4 of the Arbitration & Conciliation (Amendment) Act, 2015 in the Arbitral matter of M/s. CtrlS Datacenters Ltd., Hyderabad.

The Executive Committee was apprised that M/s CtrlS Datacenters Ltd., Hyderabad was selected as the successful bidder to provide cloud services for SWAYAM MOOCs platform at a total cost of Rs. 16,48,88,888/- and entered into an agreement on May 12, 2017. However, as M/s CtrlS Datacenters Ltd., could not keep up with the timeline and hence the agreement was terminated as per the termination provisions of the agreement and a show cause notice dated 7.2.2019 was issued.

Further, for the Arbitration process, AICTE has hired Shri Neeraj Aarora as Legal Counsel for conciliation of the matter and the Executive Committee approved the following:

- 1. Payment of Rs.12,37,500 plus 0.75 per cent. of the claim amount over and above Rs.10,00,00,000 (i.e. 0.75% of Rs.4,85,045/- = Rs.3637.83/- Say Rs.3638/-) as per Fourth Schedule of "THE ARBITRATION AND CONCILIATION (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2015 No. 3 dated 01.01.2016 to Shri Neeraj Aarora, Advocate on Record, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi appointed as an Arbitrator from AICTE side in the Arbitral matter of M/s. CtrlS for a total**

amount of Rs.10,04,85,045/- (Rupees Ten Crore Four Lakh Eighty Five Thousand Forty Five only) claimed by M/s. TATVA LEGAL, Hyderabad on behalf of their client M/s. CtrlS Datacenters Ltd., Hyderabad.

2. Payment of 5% of fees as Clerkage and 5% of fees as Reading Fee (both are one-time fixed amount) to Shri Neeraj Aarora, Advocate on Record, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi.
3. Payment of Rs.2000/- for conveyance for every date of proceedings to Shri Neeraj Aarora, Advocate on Record, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi.

Item No. 137.03.07
Admin. Bureau

To consider and approve the recommendations of the Committee constituted for considering the representation of Mrs. Gujju Manusree, Deputy Director, AICTE.

The Executive committee deliberated on the matter and noted that Smt. Gujju Manusree was appointed as Assistant Director (AD) in AICTE on 12.03.2009 under Direct Recruitment. After completion of qualifying period of five years for consideration for promotion in the grade of Deputy Director(DD), a Departmental Promotion Committee(DPC) was held on 24.09.2014, in which 05 Assistant Directors of AICTE were considered for promotion by DPC. Shri G.S. Negi, AD was the senior most and Smt. Manusree was next to Shri G.S Negi as per the seniority list. Smt. Manusree was recommended for promotion as DD by the DPC since Shri G.S Negi, AD was under suspension and his recommendations were kept in sealed cover. Smt. Manusree was given ad-hoc promotion for one year. Her ad-hoc promotion was extended for further one year w.e.f. 09.10.2015 to 08.10.2016 and then upto 27.03.2018. Thereafter, her adhoc promotion as DD was extended from 28.03.2018 till further orders. Consequent upon superannuation of Sh. G. S. Negi on 29.02.2020, a DPC was held on 02.06.2020 wherein Smt. Gujju Manusree holding the post of DD on ad-hoc basis was promoted as DD on substantive basis and an Office Order was issued in this regard. Smt. Gujju Manusree submitted a representation dated 12.06.2020 stating her grievance against the aforesaid office order dated 08.06.2020 and requested to count the ad-hoc services rendered by her as Deputy Director, for promotion to the post of Director.

The EC noted that the Committee constituted for consideration of the matter has observed that Hon'ble Supreme Court's decision in many cases like Dr. A. K. Jain v. Union 1987 (Supp) SCC 49, Dr. Rawani v. Union; State of Haryana v. Piara Singh, issued directions to regularize the services of ad-hoc appointees in peculiar facts and circumstances of those cases. The committee while recommending has mentioned in its minutes that 'the facts and circumstances of the instant case justify

regularization of her services w.e.f. the date, she was appointed on adhoc basis. It has to be seen that she fulfilled eligibility norms of promotion to the post of Dy. Director and was assessed Fit by the regular DPC.

The Ministry representative raised the issue of counting of contract/adhoc service similar to the case of Mr. Satish Kumar, Council Engineer in the Item No. 137.03.02. Hence, the Executive Committee decided to refer this matter also to the same committee which will look into the case of Mr. Satish Kumar, Council Engineer. The recommendations of the Committee may be placed before the next meeting of the EC.

Item No. 137.03.08
Admin. Bureau

To consider and approve the recruitment of Group 'A', 'B' and 'C' posts in AICTE through direct recruitment/absorption.

The Executive Committee deliberated at length on the proposal of direct recruitment /absorption based on the MOE's letter dated 07-09-2020. The Executive Committee recommended and approved the following:

- (a) Reservation Roster for the posts of Assistant Director and Deputy Director, which was forwarded to MoE vide Council's letter No.2-33/2019-20/Estt. /Rectt. (Gr. A, B & C) dated 24.06.2020;
- (b) The proposal for carrying out absorption of eligible officers on deputation in the posts of Assistant Director and Deputy Director based on the reservation roster and holding a selection committee interview with the similar composition as that of regular recruitment;
- (c) The EC also suggested to obtain NOC from the parent department of the candidates who are seeking absorption in AICTE and are found suitable; and
- (d) Initiating the process of advertising for Direct Recruitment for the balance posts i.e. filling remaining vacant posts after absorption process is completed.

The Executive Committee suggested to expedite the process to have regular officers for ensuring institutional memory as suggested in Kaw Committee report.

Item No. 137.03.09
FDC

To consider and approve the proposal for allocation of budget head and release of funds for implementation of AICTE-INAE Distinguished Visiting Professors Scheme during FY 2020-21.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal for allocation of budget Head and release of Rs.45.54 lakhs (Rupees Forty-Five Lakhs Fifty-Four Thousands only) as Grant-in-Aid from AICTE's own resources (Non-Plan) for

implementation of AICTE-INAE Distinguished Visiting Professors Scheme during the FY 2020-21.

Item No. 137.03.10
StDC

To consider and approve the removal of refund clause from various Scholarship/fellowship schemes.

The Executive Committee while deliberating on the proposal observed that many students often do not complete their M.Tech. as they get employed during the period and do not refund the amount as stipulated in the guidelines of the schemes pertaining to Scholarship/fellowship viz. PG Scholarship scheme, National Doctoral Fellowship (NDF) and AICTE Doctoral Fellowship (ADF).

It was noted, that while pursuing M.Tech./Ph.D., students are doing 8-10 hours' job of teaching /assistance-ship with the assigned faculty members in the department/institutes. The scholarship is disbursed only after ensuring satisfactory performance of assistance-ship and attendance in any particular month. Thus, the scholarship paid is for the service rendered by the student for enhancing quality of UG education. Therefore, asking for refund of scholarship is not justified.

The Executive Committee considered and approved amendment in the respective clauses from the above mentioned Scholarship/fellowship schemes by discontinuance of scholarship without mentioning the recovery in cases of:

- (i) Leaving the course mid-way;
- (ii) failed in subsequent year; &
- (iii) receiving financial assistance from other sources during the scholarship/fellowship period.

Further, the EC also approved that in case any student/scholar avails the break on medical reasons with due permission, the scholarship will be discontinued from the month of such break and shall be resumed on rejoining the program. These changes will come into force from the academic year 2020-21 without any retrospective effect.

Item No. 137.03.11
IDC Cell

To consider and decide the case of Polytechnic Institutions, which were awarded grants for construction of, hostel for SC/ST students retrospectively from 2013-14 in the light of directions of CAG and MHRD (MoE).

The Executive Committee was apprised that the grants for construction of Hostel for SC/ST students was extended to Govt. Polytechnics from 2013-14, whereas the scheme was for Govt. Engineering Colleges. Polytechnics award engineering diplomas though not degrees. The scheme nowhere debarred Polytechnics but had a mention "for engineering colleges".

Normally engineering colleges are referred to degree colleges and Diploma programs are associated with Polytechnics. There are institutes where both Diploma and Degree programs are also conducted. This discrepancy of sanctioning SC/ST hostels for Polytechnics was pointed out by Audit inspection and accordingly 19 such Govt. Polytechnics were asked to refund the entire grant amount along with interest earned. These Polytechnics have approached the Secretary, MOE to intervene. MOE has forwarded the matter to AICTE for taking necessary action as deemed fit. The EC was also informed that Govt. Polytechnics are eligible to apply in the revised scheme document CAFES, which was earlier known as construction of Hostel for SC/ST students scheme. Moreover, all these 19 Polytechnics are Government Polytechnics and need of hostels for SC/ST students is as much in Polytechnics and if not more than in engineering colleges. These 19 Polytechnics are eligible for applying in this new scheme.

The Executive Committee deliberated and decided to approve the inclusion of Government polytechnics retrospectively and not to seek refund from those 19 Govt. Polytechnics which were issued grants for construction of hostel for SC/ST students from 2013-14 onwards. The EC also opined that a specific approval in this regard may also be requested from MoE and thereafter CAG be informed accordingly.

Item No. 137.03.12
Admin Bureau

To consider and approve the proposal for grant of annual increment to the officers of MHRD's Innovation Cell

The Executive Committee deliberated on the proposal based on the recommendation of a Committee for grant of annual increment to the officers of MoE's Innovation Cell (MIC), which include officers at different levels appointed two years back and some officers appointed a year back. The appointments made in MIC during 2018 were initially for a fixed two-year period but later on it was extended for another three years.

The Executive Committee considered and approved an annual increment of 8% (notional) to all officers appointed under MIC against the approved posts with specific terms and conditions that were approved by MoE (erstwhile MHRD). This annual increment will be effective from the initial date of joining by any officer of MIC but shall be implemented w.e.f. the date of approval by the Executive Committee and not retrospectively. Thus those who are completing one year now shall get 8% increment and those who complete two years now shall get two non-compounded increments.

The EC was also informed that the entire funding of MIC is done by AICTE from its own resources.

Item No. 137.03.13
EMC

To consider and approve the renovation of AICTE NRO Building at an estimated cost as submitted by CPWD Kanpur @1,67,48,256/-.

The Executive Committee considered the proposal of renovation of AICTE NRO Building at Kanpur and approved the following:

1. to incur an expenditure of Rs.1,67,48,256/- for renovation of NRO-AICTE, Kanpur building and budgetary provision for the same in the Financial Year 2020-21;
2. Constitution of a Committee of Experts by Chairman, AICTE for examining the estimate and supervision of the work proposed to be undertaken by CPWD for NRO-AICTE, Kanpur.
3. It was noted that the Guest House also is in very bad shape and needed renovation. The Chairman, AICTE was authorised to approve the proposal of any additional renovation work including guest house in future by CPWD at the Regional office-AICTE, Kanpur. The same shall be reported to the Executive Committee.

Item No. 137.03.14
MIC

To consider and approve organising 'Toy Hackathon 2020'.

The Executive Committee was informed that the Government of India's new initiative 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat' has found a solid foundation through already ongoing various initiatives viz. Skill India, Digital India, Start-up India etc. Currently non-branded Chinese toys account for 90% of India's market. Considering a huge opportunity in the Toy market, huge import happening as on date and production capability of Indian industries, MoE, MIC-AICTE in collaboration with Ministry of Women and Child Development proposes to conduct 'Toy Hackathon' that will majorly focus on conceptualizing new and innovative toys using local materials which are economical, affordable, safe, environment friendly, with exceptional high quality not just for Indian market but also for the global market.

The proposed 'Toy Hackathon' is expected to boost the toy industry in a big way, augmenting already existing 12 clusters and 4000 MSMEs connecting them to local artisans in a beautiful mosaic of Hub and Spoke Model. Use of ICT will provide fine-tuned market linkage and supply chain.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposed budget of Rs.8.05 crores for organizing 'Toy Hackathon' from IRG of AICTE. The EC opined that AICTE may write to MoE, M/o MSME and Ministry of Women & Child Development for providing funds for organizing 'Toy Hackathon'.

Item No. 137.03.15
MIC

To consider and approve the revised model for Smart India Hackathon (Hardware Edition) 2020

The Executive Committee noted that due to COVID-2019 pandemic Smart India Hackathon (Hardware Edition) 2020 could not happen as per schedule. Accordingly, it has been proposed to re-schedule and hold a revised model of Hardware Hackathon 2020. The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposed revised model for Smart India Hackathon (Hardware Edition) 2020.

Item No. 137.03.16
MIC

To consider and approve the Budget for MHRD's Innovation cell (MIC).

The Executive Committee deliberated on the proposed budget of MIC for the FY 2020-21 and various initiatives proposed therein. Keeping in view the present COVID-2019 pandemic situation and expenditure/booked amount during 2019-20, the Executive Committee approved a total budget of Rs.12.00 Crore as enclosed.

The EC opined that if need be, MIC may submit revised figures of budget for FY 2020-21, if required, during February 2021.

Item No. 137.03.17
MIC

To consider and approve the appointment of IT professionals and Startup Fellow.

The Executive Committee deliberated on the expanding tasks in the ongoing significant initiatives and new initiatives undertaken by MIC. For new initiatives/innovations, new web portal would be required. The EC also noted that the continuous upgradation and maintenance of the existing portals and applications is required and therefore appointment of IT professionals and Startup fellow is pertinent. The Executive Committee approved hiring of six (06) IT professionals and three (03) Start up Fellows from the existing manpower agency of AICTE i.e M/s. BECIL.

Item No. 137.03.18
MIC

To consider and approve the funding and incubation support to innovations of Students: Guidelines for Evaluation and Fund Disbursement.

The Executive Committee was informed about a unique initiative regarding funding and incubation support to innovations of students. A mechanism of scouting, evaluation, fund disbursement, fund utilization and progress monitoring of these selected innovative projects is proposed to set up on regular basis. In addition, detailed guidelines for fund disbursement, utilization and progress monitoring have been



prepared. A budget of Rs.10.00 crore for evaluation and progress monitoring is proposed and has already been proposed under Item No. 137.03.16.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal of funding and incubation support to innovations of Students: Guidelines for Evaluation and Fund Disbursement. The EC also approved budget for this initiative with necessary revision in the budget for this Account head, as per the decision taken under Agenda Item No. 137.03.16.

Item No. 137.03.19
MIC

To consider and approve setting up of a Studio at AICTE headquarters, New Delhi.

The Executive Committee was informed that AICTE & MIC has undertaken a number of initiatives to promote training, awareness sessions and information dissemination on innovation and upgradation of technical education. For transformation of all these initiatives, a Studio with digital equipment and computerized hard disk based workstations for recording, dubbing, editing, creating e-contents and live video transmission of lectures of eminent professors, dignitaries etc. is proposed to be setup in the premises of AICTE HQ at Vasant Kunj, New Delhi. The infrastructure would be state of the art and will include the latest technology. The EC also noted that a Committee has been constituted at AICTE for preparing a draft proposal to set up state of art studio at AICTE, New Delhi. A RFP document is in place in this regard.

The Executive Committee approved setting up of a studio at AICTE headquarters, New Delhi and a budget of Rs.5.00 crore for the same.

Item No. 137.03.20
IDC

To consider and approve the proposal for establishment of IDEA LAB in AICTE approved institutions.

The Executive Committee was apprised that the proposal to set up IDEA Lab is to encourage students for application of science, technology engineering and mathematics (STEM) fundamentals towards enhanced hands-on experience and learning by doing. As a common facility embedded in the institution, the IDEA Lab can facilitate the students to "engage, explore, experience, express and excel" as also desired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister in the wake of release of National Educational Policy 2020. This would usher in qualitative reforms in technical education by making the engineering graduates more imaginative and creative, besides getting basic training in critical thinking, problem-solving and design thinking, collaboration and communication.

The Executive Committee approved the proposal to initiate the new scheme AICTE-IDEA LABS and establish 100 IDEA Labs

during the year 2020-21. The applications shall be invited from institutes who are willing to put in 50% of Rs.1.00 crore amount from itself or a collaborating industry and balance 50% shall be paid by AICTE on selection by a committee of experts. The fund for this shall be made available by AICTE from its own internal resources. It was also decided that a couple of such IDEA labs be established in AICTE's regional / Camp offices/ATAL Academies to show case as well as provide facility to other tier-2/3 colleges.

The EC also approved the requirement of manpower for this new scheme in each IDEA lab to be established at AICTE, ATAL Academies, as below, to be hired from the existing manpower agency i.e. M/s. BECIL:

Young Professional - 1
IT Consultant - 1
DEO - 1
Helper - 1

Item No. 137.03.21
IDC

To consider and approve the appropriate measures/parameters to broad base the MODROB scheme.

The Executive Committee noted the recommendations of DP Agarwal Committee, which were placed in 136th Ec meeting held on 17th July 2020. Subsequent to these recommendations, another committee has been constituted to make suggestions to broad base the beneficiaries. This Committee has noted very low participation of Polytechnics and Engineering institutions located in hinterland / rural areas in MODROBS and unable to receive funds under the scheme (Aspirational Institutions), recommended introducing two additional variants within existing MODROBs with clear apportioning of funds 30%, 30% and 40% for Polytechnics, Aspirational Institutions and Regular MODROBS respectively.

The Executive Committee deliberated and approved the recommendations of the Committee wherein introduction of two additional variants within existing MODROBs with clear apportioning of funds 30%, 30% and 40% for Polytechnics, Aspirational Institutions and Regular MODROBS respectively. The EC opined that caution may be taken while granting approvals where institutions are on verge of closure due to varied reasons.

Item No. 137.03.22
IDC

To consider and approve the proposal to include new scheme namely AICTE - CAFES (NER).

The Executive Committee was apprised that AICTE is running two schemes related to Campus Accommodation & Facilities Enhancing Social Experience (CAFES) viz. construction of hostel for SC/ST students and Differently-abled students. The scheme for construction of Hostel for SC/ST Students is not applicable to the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram and

Nagaland covered under SCA to Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP), so other Institutions located in North Eastern Regions are unable to apply. Hence, it is proposed that new scheme to construct the hostel for technical institutions in far-flung areas of North East India under the title of "AICTE - CAFES (NER)."

The EC also noted that often, students from North East Region discontinue their studies because of lack of hostel facilities in the technical institutions there. Therefore, the scheme is initiated considering the low admissions and the hilly terrain in the North East Region. The proposed scheme allows hostel for 40 students also.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposed 'AICTE- CAFES (NER)' scheme with the following salient features:

1. Government / Government - aided engineering colleges/ Polytechnic / University Departments are entitled for the grant.
2. The Institute must be in existence for last five years.
3. The Institute must have more than 60 students on roll.
4. The minimum carpet area is 800 sqm (For 40 students)
5. The limit of funding is Rs.3.25 crore

- Construction of hostel - Rs. 3 crore
- Equipment of gymnasium - Rs. 5 lakh
- Equipment of Indoor sports club - Rs. 10 lakh
- Establishment of library for preparation of competitive exams/higher studies - Rs. 10 lakh

6. The duration of the project is 03 years from the date of receipt of 1st installment.

Item No. 137.03.23
Approval Bureau

To consider and deliberate the proposal on Relaxation in eligibility criteria for admission in PGDM Course due to COVID -19 in Academic Session 2020-21.

The Executive Committee deliberated on the proposal based on the request from a Member of Parliament (LS), which is in line with the relaxation in eligibility criteria for admission granted to 05-year B. Arch Degree course based on the recommendation of the Council of Architecture.

The Executive Committee noted that AICTE has already issued guidelines in the wake of COVID-2019 pandemic and a Public Notice dated 087-09-2020 was issued. The EC upheld the decision of AICTE issued through this Public Notice and opined that no further relaxation may be required.

Item No. 137.04.01
Approval Bureau

To ratify the approvals issued to the institutions based on various reasons such as Court orders, recommendation of the online review SAC, etc.

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item 137.05.01
Skill Development Cell

To receive the information about granting provisional extension to "NEEM Facilitators" upto December 31, 2020 and extension of NEEM Scheme for one year.

The Executive Committee received the information.

Item 137.05.02
Admin. Bureau

To receive the information on the reimbursement of salary of canteen staff amounting to Rs. 95,968/- and waiver of electricity charges of Canteen and Guest House amounting to Rs. 30,332/- as a special case under COVID-19 situation

The Executive Committee received the information.

Item 137.05.03
Admin. Bureau

To receive the information in respect of nomination of the Chairman, AICTE as a co-opted member (ex-officio) on the Governing Body of the National Recruitment Agency(NRA) by MoE.

The Executive Committee received the information.

Item 137.05.04
Approval Bureau

To receive information about the release of a circular to all PGDM / MBA institutions regarding admission criteria.

The Executive Committee received the information

Item 137.05.05
Admin. Bureau

To receive information regarding revised guidelines for formation of Indian Knowledge System Division in MHRD (now MoE).

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)
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Annexure to Item No. 137.03.16

S.No.	Program/ Activity	Budget Demanded (Amount in ₹)	Budget Approved (Amount in ₹ and Lakhs)	
1	ARIIA	6,330,000	2,206,070	22.06
2	NISP	800,000	278,808	2.79
3	MBA - IEV	800,000	278,808	2.79
4	IIC	27,100,000	15,000,000	150.00
5	All Hackathon Budget	113,650,000	39,608,184	396.08
6	National Intellectual Property Literacy Initiative	10,000,000	1,500,000	15.00
7	Yukti 2.0	4,500,000	1,000,000	10.00
8	Software Licence + Hardware	4,890,000	4,890,000	48.90
9	I-SEE DTH Channel	40,000,000	10,000,000	100.00
10	Awariness Workshops	0	0	0.00
11	MIC Project deployment (SW+HW + IIC+ any other) upto 10 Lakhs per project	100,000,000	20,000,000	200.00
12	MIC Annual Innovation Festival & Exhibition	1,000,000	200,000	2.00
13	International Startup Exchange Program	5,000,000	100,000	1.00
14	Existing Manpower	15,072,000	15,072,000	150.72
15	Additional Manpower (6 software developer & 3 Young Professionals)	5,180,778	5,180,778	51.81
16	Miscellaneous	10,000,000	4,685,352	46.85
Total		344,322,778	120,000,000	1200.00