

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

Minutes of the 138th Executive Committee meeting held on December 01, 2020 at 11.00 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. Pramod Yeole, (Chairman, AIB-PE) Vice Chancellor, BAMU, Aurangabad, Maharashtra (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
6.	Shri Nagendra Sharma Special Secretary (TE), Govt. of Uttar Pradesh (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
7.	Shri Satish Chandra Special Chief Secretary (HE/TE), Govt. of Andhra Pradesh (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
8.	Prof. Anil Mathur, Dean (FA), Rajasthan Technical University, Kota, Rajasthan (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
9.	Dr. G.P. Vadodaria, Principal, Govt. College of Engineering, Bhavnagar (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Member
10.	Dr. Avichal Kapur Joint Secretary, University Grants Commission (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Nominee, Chairman, UGC
11.	Prof. K. K. Aggarwal Chairman, NBA (Connected through Video Conferencing)	Special Invitee
12.	Prof. Rajive Kumar, Member Secretary, AICTE	Member Secretary

Chairman, SWRC-AICTE; Chairman, AIB-ITE; Chairman, AIB-TCP; JS& FA, MoE, New Delhi; Secretary (TE/HE) Govt. of Tripura; Secretary (TE), Govt. of Utrkhand; Prof. H.C. Verma, IIT-Kanpur; Prof. Arvind Choubey, Director, IIT Bhagalpur, Bihar; 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 138th meeting of the Executive Committee. The Vice Chairman briefed the members about the recent activities/achievements of AICTE since last reported in the 137th Executive Committee meeting held on 30th September, 2020, in the form of ppt presentation (Annexed) which included:

- अभातशिप मुख्यालय में हिंदी पखवाड़ा एवं अन्य कार्यक्रम का आयोजन (हिंदी पखवाड़ा समापन समारोह,
- अभातशिप की राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति की बैठक,
- तकनीकी पाठ्यपुस्तक पुरस्कार योजना 2018-2019,
- हिंदी में तकनीकी एवं प्रबंधन विषयों पर लिखी गई पांडुलिपियों के प्रकाशन हेतु वित्तीय सहायता योजना 2018-2019),
- Release of AICTE MARGDARSHAN Initiative Booklet;
- Webinars held Towards Implementation on NEP 2020;
- MoUs signed between AICTE and organizations viz. AICTE and GLECO International Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai; AICTE and Samvaad InfoTech Pvt Ltd; AICTE and Microsoft India ;
- status of several All India Board meetings held;
- Model Curriculum for Minor Degree for UG Degree courses in Engineering & Technology and Model Curriculum for UG Degree courses in Mechatronics and Automobile published on AICTE website.;
- 'Jan Andolan Pledge for Covid-19 Appropriate Behavior' at AICTE;
- UKIERI - AICTE Technical Leadership Programme (Valedictory for Cohort 4&5 and inaugural for Cohort 6) ;
- Awareness Programme on Institutional Development Initiatives;
- Vigilance Awareness Week observed at AICTE;
- National Initiative for Technical Teachers Training(NITTT)[Mentoring status under NITTT, Higher level modules under NITTT, MOUs Signed with NITs of North East Region and NIT Srinagar],
- Indian Knowledge Systems-An Orientation Session on Methods of Exploring & Capturing Values from Agriculture & Health Sector – “Become an IKS Explorer to Contributor”;
- Online meeting of the National Fee Committee for revision of the Fee Structure;
- eSIP 2020 - Online Student Induction Program; AICTE IMPACT Workshop;
- Online Faculty Development Programmes(FDPs) on Universal Human Values (UHV) in Technical Education;
- Status on AICTE J&K Internships;
- J&K Employability Enhancement Training Program: (JEET)-MoU exchange between AICTE and ICT Academy;
- Status of several Skill Development Activities [Vocational courses, Skill Knowledge Provider (SKP)];
- Status of National Employability Enhancement Mission (NEEM)];
- Status of Awards instituted by AICTE [Clean & Smart Campus Award 2020; AICTE-CII Award 2020; Chhatra Vishwakarma Award -2020 (CVA)];
- AICTE: AQIS (2021-22) announced;
- Awareness Meetings related to Pragati and Saksham scholarship scheme with States;
- Launch of AICTE-LILAVATI Award: THEME: Women Empowerment by Hon'ble Minister MoE Shri Ramesh Pokhriya 'Nishank';



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- NEAT 2.0 – Status;
- MoE's Innovation Cell Activities Progress reported [NIC 2020- Mentor (Innovation Ambassador) & Mentee (Nominated prototypes);
- Common e-evaluation portal in place;
- Innovation Ambassador (IA) Training conducted;
- Institution's Innovation Council(IIC), ARIIA-2021 and NISP;
- Launch of KAPILA: Kalam Program for IP Literacy;
- Smart India Hackathon (SIH)];
- Status of Toy Hackathon;
- RFP for Setting up of Studio;
- Constitution Day Observed at AICTE;
- AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy;
- utilization of Umang App;
- shared with pride that Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, Hon'ble Union Minister of Education was recently honoured by Cambridge Partnership for Education for spearheading educational reforms in the country and also winning the Vatayan Lifetime Achievement Award 2020'.

The Executive Committee Members applauded and congratulated Hon'ble Minister of Education, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' for winning these prestigious awards.

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, who also joined the meeting online as a Special Invitee, expressed his pleasure and lauded the activities and achievements of AICTE under the able leadership and guidance of Prof. Sahasrabudhe.

The Chairman, apprised the members about comments on the Agenda items received from IFD, MoE, which were taken into cognizance during deliberations and decisions taken accordingly.

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

Item No. 138.01.01 : To confirm the minutes of the 137th meeting of the Executive Committee held on September 30, 2020.

The Executive Committee confirmed the minutes of the 137th meeting of the Executive Committee held on September 30, 2020.

Item No. 138.02.01 : To receive a note on action taken on the decisions taken and recommendations made in the 137th meeting of the Executive Committee held on September 30, 2020.

The Executive Committee noted the action taken on the decisions taken and recommendations made in the 137th meeting of the Executive Committee held on September 30, 2020. The EC while noting the action take under Item No. 137.03.21 opined that while apportioning funds for MODROB scheme, remote and difficult locations in the country viz.

Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, J&K etc. may also be included.

Under Item No. 137.03.22 the EC also opined that AICTE approved institutions in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, J&K etc. may also be included in the approved 'AICTE CAFES (NER)' scheme for the benefit of students of institutions in remote and difficult locations.

Item No. 138.03.01
FDC

: To consider and approve the proposal to conduct Faculty Development Programs for Physical Trainers/Sport-Games Teachers/Director of Sports.

The Executive Committee was informed that in its 131st meeting held on 03-02-2020 approved the proposal to conduct one FDP for Sport-Games Teachers, quarterly in each forthcoming three years. The EC 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 forthcoming three years.

Accordingly, a committee of experts was constituted for scrutiny of more proposals to re-examine the matter for releasing fund to the Universities/Institutes.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the recommendations of the Committee of experts as follows:

- a) Duration of training may be kept two weeks;
- b) The candidates may be reduced to 25 from 40;
- c) The fund proposed on conducting each programme may be revised to Rs. 6.50 lakhs from Rs. 11.00 Lakhs.

The EC further approved the recommendation of the aforesaid Committee of Experts for releasing of funds amounting to Rs. 6.50 Lakhs to each of the following university/Institute for conducting one Faculty Development Program for Physical Trainers/Sport-Games Teachers/Director of Sports during the FY 2020-21:

1. Amity School of Physical Education and Sports Sciences, Noida,UP;
2. Bharathiar University, Tamil Nadu;
3. Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education, Gwalior, M.P.

Further, the EC opined that AICTE may consider similar proposal for exploring and identifying institutes for conduct of FDPs under 'Library Science'.

Item No. 138.03.02
FDC

: To consider and approve lump sum amount as allowance to Ph.D Researchers/Scholars studying in Minor QIP Centres attending one semester in a Major QIP Centres within the Country.

The Executive Committee was informed that AICTE provides up to Rs.3,00,000/- as allowance to Ph.D. Researchers/Scholars studying in Major QIP Centers within the country for attending one semester in the foreign University under AICTE- QIP Scheme. However, there has been no scheme for the Researcher/Scholars studying in minor QIP Centers for attending programme in Major QIP Centers of the country to improve their skills, research ambience and experience.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal for granting up to Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One lakh only) as a lump sum allowance for Travel, boarding & lodging etc. expenses to Ph.D. Researchers/Scholars of Minor QIP Centers for those attending one semester in Major QIP Centre within the country in addition to the stipend given to them.

Item No. 138.03.03
ATAL Cell

: To consider and approve 433 remaining AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy online FDP planed in 2021 and to report FDPs already conducted.

The Executive Committee was apprised that 483 online FDPs under ATAL in various thrust/emerging areas including blended learning and flipped classroom throughout the country have been successfully conducted for which an amount of Rs.4,49,19,000.00 has been spent. Also, the EC in its 133rd meeting held on 17th April, 2020, vide Item No.133.04, 83 online FDPs with a budget of Rs.77,19,000/- was approved under ATAL academies during lockdown period of April, May & June, 2020 due to COVID-2019 pandemic. One online FDP was also conducted with FICCI under ATAL. It has been observed that the impact of online FDPs for the teachers under ATAL academies is far-reaching with less cost involved.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the proposal for additional 433 FDPs to be conducted in online mode during December 2020 to March 2021 with a proposed budget of Rs.4,02,69,000.00 (Rupees Four crore two lakh sixty-nine thousand only). The EC also approved the total budget outlay of Rs.8,51,88,000.00 (Rupees Eight crore fifty-one lakh eighty-eight thousand only) for total 916 FDPs (483 + 433), both in online and blended mode for the FY 2020-21.

The Executive Committee also noted that a total 1000 FDPs will be conducted having an expenditure of Rs.9.30 crores and approximately 1.5 lakh teachers will be trained during FY 2020-21.

Further, the Executive Committee was informed that 'The World Book of Records', London has acknowledged ATAL Academy for creating a world record for training more than one-lakh people in 1000 programmes under 'ATAL online FDPs'.

The Executive Committee congratulated for this remarkable achievement. The Executive Committee placed on record its appreciation and applauded Dr. R.K. Soni, Director (ATAL Cell) and his team for this phenomenal accomplishment in such a short period along with his other duties as a Regional Officer (NWRO-AICTE).

Item No. 138.03.04
MIC

: To consider and approve the manpower recruitment and budget for I-SEE DTH Channel allocated to MIC and AICTE from Swayam Prabha bouquet.

The Executive Committee in its 129th meeting held on 19-11-2019, in-principle agreed to start a separate DTH Channel and suggested that approval on creation of the posts with qualifications, experience, scale of pay, etc. be obtained through MoE. It was informed that MoE has conveyed its concurrence vide its letter dated 05-03-2020.

Accordingly, an Advisory Committee constituted under the chairmanship of Dr. Surya Prakash, Ex-Chairman Prasar Bharati as mentioned in the Agenda, recommended the budget and manpower requirement. The same Committee has also recommended other modalities for establishing the studio at AICTE. The EC was informed that Mr. Ronnie Screwvala, founder UTV Group, is also a member of the Advisory Committee, his name inadvertently missed in the Agenda.

The Executive Committee considered the recommendations of the Advisory Committee and approved the maximum budget requirement amounting upto Rs.101.76 crores (from the IRG-AICTE) for the operation of channel for next three years as per operating expenditure proposed in Option-I. The EC was informed that it is expected that the actual expenditure incurred for three years is likely to be much less than this approved budget. The EC further suggested that AICTE should recruit quality manpower on need basis, in a phased manner but not exceeding as proposed in Option-I.

Item No. 138.03.05
E-Governance Cell

: To consider and approve the revision of remuneration of IT Consultants engaged at AICTE on contract basis through manpower agencies such as BECIL, NILIET etc.

The Executive Committee noted its decision in its 120th meeting held on 27-12-2018 regarding qualifications and eligibility criteria for hiring of IT consultants in AICTE. The EC also noted

its decision in its 131st meeting held on 03-02-2020 regarding amendments in the qualifications and eligibility criteria of the IT Consultants. Subsequently, a committee was constituted to review and recommend the revision of remuneration as per the decision of the EC. The Committee in its meetings held recommended revision of remuneration commensurate with the approved amended qualifications and eligibility criteria.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the recommendations of the Committee regarding revision of remuneration of 20 (out of 21) IT Consultants in AICTE in the pay range of Rs. 40,000/- to Rs. 50,000/-.

Item No. 138.03.06
Administration Bureau

To consider and approve the recommendations of a Committee whose meeting was held on 19.11.2020 for finalization of guidelines with regard to pay fixation and seniority of applicants being absorbed to the post of Deputy Director/Assistant Director against Direct Recruitment Quota in AICTE.

The Executive Committee noted its decision in its 137th meeting held on 30-09-2020 under Item No. 137.03.08. The EC was informed that subsequently a Committee was constituted to finalize the following in respect of eligible candidates to the post of Deputy Director and Assistant Director for absorption against Direct Recruitment vacancies in AICTE:

- a. Modalities for deciding the seniority of officers on deputation;
- b. Modalities for pay fixation of the officers on absorption;
- c. Proforma of NOC to be sought from parent organization of applicants; and
- d. Proforma of Undertaking to be obtained from the candidate.

The Committee, accordingly, made recommendations vide its meeting held on 19.11.2020. The Executive Committee approved the minutes of the meeting of the aforesaid committee held on 19.11.2020. The EC also suggested to start the process of direct recruitment against vacant seats once consent from the selected candidates for absorption are received for the posts of Deputy director and Assistant Director.

Item No. 138.03.07
Administration Bureau

: To consider and approve the recommendations of Committee held on 06.11.2020 for considering the representation of Ms. Gujju Manusree, Deputy Director, AICTE for counting of ad-hoc service rendered by her as Dy. Director for promotion to the post of Director.

The Executive Committee deliberated on the matter and considered the observations and recommendations of the Committee. The Executive Committee was also informed about the comments of IFD, MoE received on 30-11-2020 in this regard.

The Executive Committee decided that the matter may be considered in the light of DOPT rules and precedencies available in various High courts and Supreme court judgements. Accordingly, the EC opined that Chairman, AICTE may take a judicious and holistic decision on merit for counting of ad-hoc service rendered by Ms. Gujju Manusree as Dy. Director for promotion to the post of Director. The same may be subsequently informed to the Executive Committee.

Item No. 138.03.08
Administration Bureau

To consider and approve the recommendations of a Committee whose meeting was held on 06.11.2020 for counting the period of past service of Sh. Satish Kumar, Council Engineer from his initial date of appointment in AICTE on contract basis and provision of promotional prospects to the Council Engineer.

The Executive Committee deliberated on the matter and considered the observations and recommendations of the Committee. The Executive Committee was also informed about the comments of IFD, MoE received on 30-11-2020 in this regard.

The Executive Committee decided that the matter may be considered in the light of DOPT rules and precedencies available in various High courts and Supreme court judgements. Accordingly, the EC opined that Chairman, AICTE may take a judicious and holistic decision on merit for counting the period of past service of Sh. Satish Kumar, Council Engineer from his initial date of appointment in AICTE on contract basis and provision of promotional prospects to the Council Engineer.

Item No. 138.03.09
Administration Bureau

To consider and approve the recommendations of Selection Committee held on 30.11.2020 for permanent absorption to the post of Deputy Director against Direct Recruitment Quota in AICTE.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the recommendations of the Selection Committee held on 30.11.2020 for permanent absorption to the post of Deputy Director against Direct Recruitment vacancies in AICTE in the following order of merit:

1. Dr. Madhukar Maruti Waware (OBC);
2. Dr. Neetu Bhagat (UR).

The offer of appointments to the respective selected candidates be issued on completion of Undertaking, NOC and other mandatory conditions of appointment as approved under Item No. 138.03.06 in this meeting.

Item No. 138.03.10
Administration Bureau

To consider and approve the recommendations of Selection Committee held on 30.11.2020 for permanent absorption to the post of Assistant Director against Direct Recruitment Quota in AICTE.

The Executive Committee considered and approved the recommendations of Selection Committee held on 30.11.2020 for permanent absorption to the post of Assistant Director against Direct Recruitment vacancies in AICTE in the following order of merit:

1. Shri Sunil Kumar(UR);
2. Dr. Manoj Kumar Tiwari(UR);
3. Dr. Ajeet Kumar(SC);
4. Dr. Amit Vishwasrao Salunkhe(OBC);
5. Dr. Purushottam Ramchandra Patil(UR);
6. Smt. Sanju Choudhary(OBC);
7. Shri Manoj Singh(OBC).

The offer of appointments to the respective selected candidates be issued on completion of Undertaking, NOC and other mandatory conditions of appointment as approved under Item No. 138.03.06 in this meeting.

Item No. 138.04.01
Approval Bureau

: To ratify the approvals issued to institutions based on various Hon'ble Court orders.

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 138.04.02
Approval Bureau

: To ratify the approvals issued, based on the requests received from various institutions, for Change of Name of Society/Trust/Company, Change of Name of Bank, Change of Site and for Closure of the Institutions, etc., under Chapter II of APH 2020-21.

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item No. 138.04.03
Approval Bureau

: To ratify the approvals issued to institutions based on the recommendations of Standing Hearing Committees / Standing Appellate Committees.

The Executive Committee ratified the matter.

Item 138.05.01
FDC

: To receive the information to conduct the Faculty Development Program in collaboration with Technical Universities in the country in online mode due to the Covid-2019 pandemic.

The Executive Committee received the information.

Item 138.05.02
Media Cell

To receive the information regarding Margdarshan Initiative.

The Executive Committee received the information.

Item 138.05.03
Approval Bureau

To receive the information about the revised Academic Calendar for A.Y. 2020-21.

The Executive Committee received the information. The members were also informed that due to unprecedented situation of COVID-2019, requests are being received from various state Governments to extend the last date of admission. The EC suggested that AICTE may consider extending the last date of admissions, if required, in such cases.

Item 138.05.04
FDC

: To receive information about inclusion of important points in the RFP for Multi-Cam Studio in AICTE HQ.

The Executive Committee received the information

Item 138.05.05
Media Cell

: To receive information regarding hiring of Media & Public Relation agency for AICTE.

The Executive Committee received the information.

Item 138.05.06
FDC

: To receive information regarding releasing financial grant to AICTE AQIS approved projects for the AQIS 2019 – 20 in the current FY 2020-21.

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